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Labour wants emergency action

Patten under pressure on student places

BY BEN PRESTON AND JOHN O'LEARY

■ The squeeze on university places this Thursday will increase the pressure on the government to resolve the higher education funding crisis

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, faced demands for emergency action to relieve the unprecedented squeeze on university places yesterday as he returned to work after illness.

Labour stepped up the pressure on Mr Patten as the impact of the government funding cuts on arts and social science courses and the improved A-level pass rate became apparent.

Only about 40,000 of the expected 265,000 university and college places remain vacant, with almost 133,000 applications still under consideration. More than 210,000 applications have been rejected, almost 26,500 more than at the same stage last year.

Admissions experts are concerned at the mismatch in competition for arts and science places. While few arts candidates who narrowly missed their target grades are expected to find alternative courses, people who scraped even two A-level passes at grade E are likely to gain a science place.

Ann Taylor, shadow education spokeswoman, said thousands of talented, well-qualified students had been left hanging in the wind by Mr Patten's clumsy and disastrous tinkering with the funding system. "He now has an obligation to ensure all students — both arts and science candidates — are fairly treated. If that requires an emergency funding formula to restore equity, then he must introduce it without delay."

The confrontation added to the education secretary's difficulties as he returned to his desk almost six weeks after a gastric infection. Officials repeatedly denied that the illness was stress related.

After a briefing by Baroness Blatch, who deputised for Mr Patten, he spent the morning working on his speech for the Conservative party conference. The address, on October 6, is critical as Mr Patten attempts to salvage his career and justify policy retreats over national testing, school league tables and the curriculum.

Examiners are expected to announce the sixth successive rise in GCSE results for more than 500,000 candidates on Thursday. The record pass-rate will fuel concerns about marking standards and present Mr Patten with an early test of his presentation skills. Last summer, the education secretary caused a political storm by publishing an inspectors' report which declared "limited confidence" in results showing a 29 per cent improvement since the last year of O-levels in 1987. But he is likely to adopt a different stance this year and declare confidence in the improved grades even though a new code of practice for examiners has not been implemented.

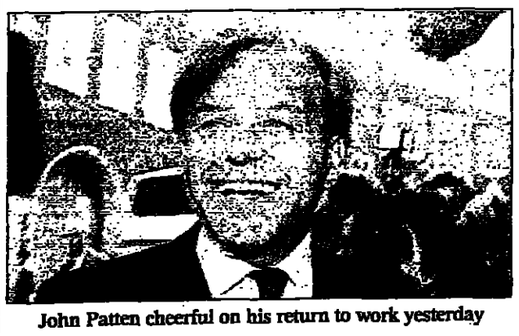
Ministerial advisers emphasised that Mr Patten would seek to rally teachers behind the new blueprint for the curriculum and testing prepared last month by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman-designate of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Mr Patten also faces a bruising spending battle with the Treasury. Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, is anxious to find alternative means of funding expansion in higher education, exploring ways to make graduates shoulder more of their education costs.

The issue has risen to the top of the agenda as controversy grows over the rationing of university places in the arts and social sciences. It follows the decision in December to cut funding by £550 per student for these courses while leaving science unchanged.

The Polytechnics and Colleges Admissions Service said it had rejected more than 104,000 applications by yesterday morning — 15,000 more than at the same stage last year. Tutors were still sifting another 63,000 applications for the remaining 19,600 places. It means that record numbers of disappointed candidates are eligible to join the clearing system, which tries to find them an alternative course.

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John Patten cheerful on his return to work yesterday

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Degree vacancy service



- With more than 150,000 people still looking for a degree course after last week's A-level results, The Times tomorrow begins the most regular, up-to-date vacancy information service available.
- The daily subject-by-subject service begins by concentrating on the scarce places in arts, social sciences and business studies. Later the spotlight will fall on the sciences, engineering and technology. The service will rotate between these areas throughout the four weeks of clearing.
- The admissions agencies expect competition in clearing to be the fiercest yet, especially on the arts side. Early information will be at a premium. By focusing on different groups of subjects each day, The Times hopes to offer readers the best chance of securing a place on a degree course this autumn.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Michael Atherton, left, leaving the field of victory yesterday with Alec Stewart

England's bitter year spiced by rare taste of Test triumph

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the worst years in England's cricketing history ended in unaccustomed triumph at The Oval yesterday.

Australia, having won the the Ashes series 4-0, were beaten by 161 runs in the final Cornhill Test, after which Michael Atherton was reappointed as England captain for the West Indies winter tour that begins in January.

After a week in which Britain's athletes restored some national sporting pride, Atherton's team ended a barren run of 18 Tests against Australia going back to 1986. Only Graham Gooch in yesterday's side knew what it was to win against the oldest of opponents.

The crowd swelled from 5,000 to 12,000 during the afternoon as people left their offices to witness the moment of rare triumph. It came early in the final hour, and was followed by a joyful pitch invasion.

Angus Fraser, who took eight wickets — including the one which secured victory — in his first Test for almost three years, was named as man of the match by Bob Willis and can confidently contemplate a winter in the Caribbean. So can most of the others in yesterday's side.

England had lost nine of ten Tests since beating Pakistan at Headingley last July. That sorry sequence brought the resignations of Gooch as captain and Ted Dexter as chairman of the England committee, though for both there was satisfaction in yesterday's revival. Gooch played a significant part with the bat and Dexter, whose duties end a week today, goes out on a high note.

Atherton said afterwards: "It was a vital win, a morale-boosting win. It was good to bring young players into a winning atmosphere. They played with some spirit and showed fight. That is the type of side I hope to see."

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Tory right and left clash over higher taxation

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE party tensions flared yesterday as Tristan Garel-Jones, the former Foreign Office minister, was named as the possible organiser of a vendetta against right-wing critics of John Major.

Tory leaders tried to calm the increasingly bitter battle between left and right after potential victims accused their opponents on the left of attempting to plunge the party into civil war.

Taxation has succeeded Maastricht as the most divisive issue within the party. Differences over how Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, should tackle the projected £50 billion budget deficit were highlighted as Keith Hampson, a prominent leftwinger, urged him to put up the top rate of tax to 45p and John Townend, rightwing chairman of the Tory finance committee, insisted on public spending cuts.

The dispute has now spilt over into a full-scale battle over the autumn elections to the executive of the 1922 committee. Mr Townend and Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the Thatcherite 92 group, have been targeted by the left for removal from the executive. Mr Townend also faces a challenge for his committee post.

But Conservative MPs were taken aback yesterday when Mr Townend named Mr Garel-Jones as the potential instigator of suggestions that Mr Major himself backed the revenge attack on MPs who had rebelled against the government or criticised his style of leadership.

Mr Garel-Jones, an avowed pro-European who piloted the Maastricht bill through the Commons before standing down from the government, has long been regarded as a bogeyman by the right; but he has not been noticeably involved up to now in the annual ritual of the backbench committee elections.

Speaking from Spain last night, Mr Garel-Jones retorted: "My view is that the party has a simple task to support the prime minister and his policies. It would be very sad now that, when everything was beginning to come right, if the party was to get involved in the kind of things John Townend is talking about. I have no intention of getting involved in any such things."

Asked on BBC Radio whether he was fearful of losing the finance committee chairmanship, Mr Townend replied that he was not. He added: "I think it is very unfortunate, particularly as the people making these statements to the press — I do not know who they are, whether it is Tristan Garel-Jones or somebody else on the left," they were not named but we have our ideas who they are — are using John Major's name and saying he was involved. I do not believe that for a minute."



Garel-Jones: named by right-wing critics

Such a thought was damaging for Mr Major. "What he said when we left for the recess was that he wanted the party to unite. He did not want any recriminations. If the people putting this view forward were successful and the 1922 committee did not continue to be representative of all strands, but only the left and centre left and not the right and centre right, that would be

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Chicago-style robbery shatters calm of Northumbrian village

BY PAUL WILKINSON

DOWNTOWN Chicago came to up-country Northumbria when armed robbers sealed off a picturesque North Country village in the early hours yesterday, forced their way into a post office and stole its safe.

During the three-hour operation, all telephone lines out of Rothbury, 12 miles west of Alnwick, were cut by the five-man gang to ensure that they could work undisturbed. They also used a stolen van to block the street leading to the scene of the robbery.

People attracted to their windows were threatened with crowbars. One of them, Jessie Heron, 73, said: "It takes a lot to upset me, but, by God, I was scared. They looked terrible, coming along the road, all five of them dressed in black from head to foot."

The robbery, in a community more used to being invaded by tourists, took police by surprise. "About the only crime we get up there is the theft of a sheep," said a spokesman for Northumbria police in Newcastle.

The thieves took almost three hours to get into the unoccupied post office and load the safe into the van. Police said the safe contained a "substantial" sum of money, believed to be about £15,000, as well as stamps, pension books and vehicle excise licences. The spokesman said: "These people meant business, and it was better that none of the locals got involved once the phone lines were cut."

The robbery began at about 1.15am in what detectives said was "obviously a very organised operation by determined men". As the van, a yellow Astra Merit stolen from a nearby Northumberland County Council depot, slewed across Bridge Street outside the post office, the five men got out. Some were wearing military-style combat dress and balaclava-type ski masks.

As some of them began attacking the entrance to the building others patrolled the

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Croats prevent UN from helping Muslim Mostar

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BOSNIAN Croats refused to relax their siege of Mostar yesterday, preventing the United Nations delivering food and medicine to the 55,000 Muslims trapped in the Bosnian city.

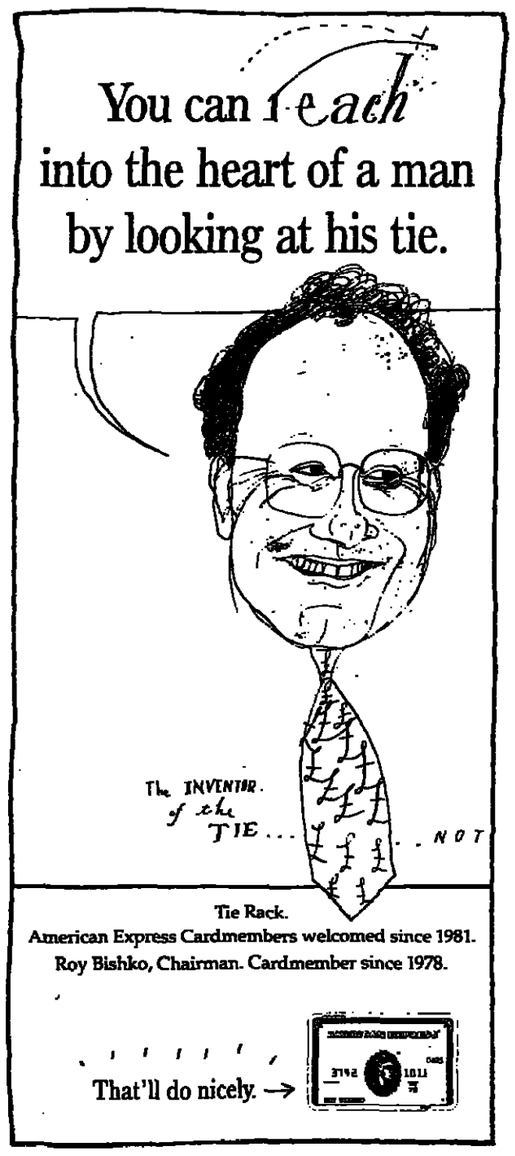
UN officials said talks with the Croats on plans to deliver 130 tonnes of supplies tomorrow was making little progress. "They are not talking to us," said Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo. "We hope that Wednesday will be the day that the HVO [the Bosnian Croat army] finally decides they are no longer going to be bloody-minded and will allow us to take a convoy through," she added.

Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, sent an urgent appeal to Croatia to help lift the siege. He said in Bonn that he had urged President Tudjman to influence the Bosnian Croats to permit delivery of relief supplies to Mostar, where the Muslim population is reported to be on the verge of starvation.

France yesterday supported a call from international mediators to the European Community to administer Mostar as part of the recently negotiated Geneva peace accord.

In London, the parents of evacuated Bosnian children said the world should have helped them sooner.

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Minister refuses to rule out 16% rail fare increase

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

■ Senior Conservatives are threatening to wreck privatisation plans rather than risk a commuter backlash in Tory heartlands

THE government braced itself for a rebellion from its own backbenchers last night as it refused to rule out rail fare increases of almost 12 times the rate of inflation.

At the same time, it was warned that tens of thousands of commuters face a deteriorating service unless funding was increased.

Senior Tories have said that they may seek effectively to wreck the entire rail privatisation programme rather than see their seats threatened by a commuter backlash.

The government's rail watchdog committee claimed that fare rises of more than 16 per cent could be allowed to entice operators to keep special travel cards after privatisation. Lord Caithness, the transport minister, said no decisions had yet been taken. "Nobody knows what the fare increases are going to be from January next year.

"It is quite natural that British Rail should look at various options and you are bound to throw up a range of alternatives. Then they are discussed between BR and ministers and a decision is made. "We are not at that stage. We are still in the consultative stage between ministers and British Rail."

Lord Caithness claimed the current furore was part of an annual ritual in which worst-case price rises were leaked before much lower prices were implemented.

He denied that fare increases had reduced commuter numbers. Speaking on BBC radio's *Today* programme, he said: "You know very well why there has been a drop off, and that is because of the recession."

Michael Patterson, secretary of the central transport consultative committee, claimed the government might allow British Rail to impose high increases to persuade private operators to keep Travelcard and other special deal combined cards.

He said: "The Travelcard is very popular and while the government has refused to guarantee its future, it may be tempted to allow the price rise so that the operators are more likely to keep it after privatisation."

Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, Kent, has threatened a political storm if his constituents are hit by huge rises. Other heartland Tory MPs representing constituencies with large numbers of commuters have also said that rises much higher than the inflation rate would be unacceptable.

They are already threatening to wreck the whole programme by voting with Labour in favour of a Lords amendment to the privatisation bill which would allow British Rail to bid to become a franchise holder.

Details of the fare increases were released in documents leaked to the pressure group Transport 2000. They claimed Network SouthEast, which handles more than 400,000 commuters daily, was considering increasing the price of Travelcards by 16.2 per cent, single standard day tickets by 12 per cent and season tickets by 7.9 per cent. That could add more than £200 to a season ticket for a Brighton commuter who currently pays £2,176 a year.

Another option in the document raises season tickets by 8.5 per cent, the Travelcard by 10.3 per cent and the single standard by 12 per cent.

Under a third option, said to be least favoured, the Travelcard cost would increase by 6.3 per cent, a single standard by 8 per cent and season tickets by 6 per cent.

John Nelson, managing director of Network SouthEast, has said that without hugely increased funding, commuters face a serious deterioration in punctuality and reliability within three years. The network's £450 million subsidy for 1992-3 has been reduced to £218 million for 1994-5.

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PRIVATISATION: WHAT IT WILL MEAN TO BR PASSENGERS

When will the rail privatisation proposals become law?

Ministers hope the Railways Bill, which has received its third reading, will become law by late October, although an important Lords amendment which would allow British Rail to bid for franchises could delay their plans.

The prime minister and John MacGregor have made no secret of their opposition to the amendment and rebel Tory MPs who support it can expect to be subjected to much arm- twisting and pressure once the new session of Parliament begins. If they resist the arm-lock, a tense Commons vote could ensue.

What are the proposals?

Quite simply to allow private franchise holders to bid for the right to run services over the entire existing 11,000 miles of track, however unlikely or unprofitable they may appear.

The network has been divided into 25 units, from the humble Isle of Wight line to the London-Gatwick Express, regarded as a "jewel in a tarnished crown". The Gatwick Express will, from October, be run as a test "shadow" franchise to enable prospective buyers to study the accounts.

Six other services, including the InterCity East Coast main line and the London-Tilbury-Southend "misery line" will be also be run in this way from April. It could take until early 1995 for the first line to pass into the private sector. The remaining 18 franchises will, it is thought, trundle along at a slower pace and full privatisation is not expected until well into the next century. The infrastructure will be operated by Railtrack, which will be a government-owned company.

Will this mean higher fares?

Critics says yes. John MacGregor says no. Labour and transport pressure groups say that with at least 25 "borders" to cross, the passenger will face bureaucratic nightmares.

Cynics say the leaked documents which show that fare increases of up to 16 per cent are being contemplated are a device to enable a privatised British Rail to pass on the pain before franchise holders take the strain.

Once a company takes over a franchise, it must agree to maintain the services it inherits. If it wants to change or close a service, it will have to argue its case to the franchising director, whose decision will have to be approved by the transport minister. Mr MacGregor says his proposals will ensure a better managed, cheaper service.

Do services have to be cut?

In strict profit-and-loss terms, many should have been axed years ago. However, the government is aware of its unpopularity and knows the flack it would receive if it allowed franchise holders to wield an axe. For this reason, franchise bidders will qualify for subsidies in much the same way as BR does now.

Has anybody made a bid?

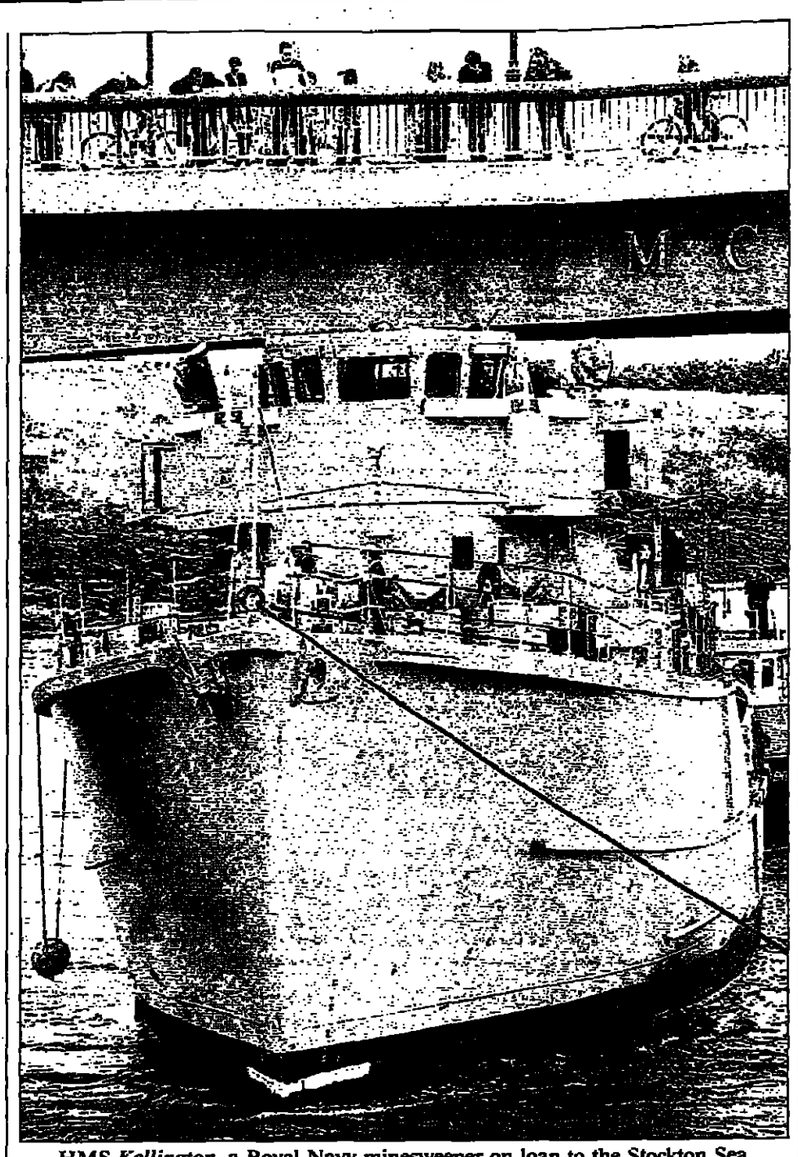
This is the acid test. Fifty private companies have come forward although many have merely expressed interest. There are also at least 30 serious proposals from BR management buy-out teams.

If the Lords amendment allowing BR to bid is passed, then the management teams are expected to drop out and rejoin a BR buy-out. This would effectively kill off the plan.

Richard Branson's Virgin company, which expressed early interest, now seems lukewarm. One unlikely candidate wants to rip up the Chiltern line, on which £80 million has just been spent, cover it with concrete and run buses on it.

What subsidy does British Rail receive?

Stripped of special low-interest loan facilities, BR got a £1 billion subsidy in 1992-3. This will fall to £800 million in 1993-4 and £600 million in 1994-5. Sir Bob Reid, BR chairman, said recently the network needed £850 million over the next ten years just to stand still. In 1975, BR received 0.39 of GDP compared with a Community average of 0.71 per cent. In 1991, average levels of support for the French and German railways were 0.54 and 0.51 respectively, compared with 0.16 per cent for British Rail.



HMS *Kellington*, a Royal Navy minesweeper on loan to the Stockton Sea Cadets' Association, wedged under the Princess Diana bridge on the Tees in Stockton, Cleveland. Two tugs pulled it free after the incident on Sunday

Hospital dispute intensifies

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A LONDON health authority plans to use private ambulances to remove patients from a ward earmarked for closure.

Bloomsbury and Islington Health Authority is preparing to hire the private operators after London Ambulance Service union members refused to carry out the work at University College Hospital, where staff are on strike over ward closures.

Candy Udwin, Unison branch secretary, said: "The management tried to book the London Ambulance Service for this Saturday to remove patients from the first ward to be closed, but Unison members in the LAS refused to move the patients.

"The management are now talking about trying to move the patients using private operators, beginning on Thursday. We will be holding a demonstration on Thurdsay at 7am. We will be asking the private ambulances not to begin this destruction and refuse to move the patients."

Meanwhile the strikers claimed another victory yesterday when a private planning firm refused a contract to dismantle equipment in the central London hospital. John Tapp, manager of J & J Tapp Brothers, refused a contract to remove plumbing and shelving from the wards. He said: "We are not a unionised firm and we will be losing money over this. But the people on the picket line have asked me not to do this work and I decided I'm not prepared to do it. I think the health authority is quite wrong in closing these facilities that people need."

Cabinet accused of clinging to secrecy

THE public is still being denied important information despite ministers' promises of more open government, according to a report.

The Campaign for Freedom of Information, which has kept up a concerted effort to achieve greater access to official records, says key facts are being withheld from the public domain.

Maurice Frankel, campaign director, said: "The government is promising to answer questions but is still not letting people see correspondence, documents or reports."

The report lists alleged examples of secrecy, including:

☐ hospitals being told not to give any details about contracts made for treating patients;

☐ the government refusing to disclose publicly reports by the Health and Safety Executive about safeguards at dangerous industrial sites;

☐ fire brigades charging to give information about notices served against dangerous premises.

The campaign says in its newspaper *Secrets* that the white paper that recently heralded the end of years of unnecessary secrecy did not go far enough.

It claims that the proposals had an overwhelming flaw in that they rejected direct access to documents.

However, the campaign welcomes two aspects of the white paper, non-computerised personal files and more access to health and safety information.

It argues that the proposed voluntary code of practice would be more effective if the parliamentary ombudsman were able to enforce disclosure rather than simply recommending it.

The campaign also claims that David Maclean, the former environment minister, agreed to appear in a film about ozone depletion only if he could veto its contents.

The environment department denied that Mr Maclean was trying to suppress information.

"He did not refuse to appear in the film for the sake of it. We were not satisfied that the film would be used only for educational purposes. Things got complicated and in the end the minister did not have time to make the film."

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PEACE OF MIND, AROUND THE CLOCK.

Civil war warning as Tory clash grows

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very bad for the party and that is the last thing John Major would want. We in the 92 group are supporters of John Major. We voted for him to be leader. This black propaganda is bad for the party and the prime minister and I deplore it."

Mr Townend said there was always a battle with left and rightwing slates for the elections. "It would be very wise if those people who are making these remarks either came out in public so that we could see who they are or keep quiet. They are undermining party unity and they are trying to create civil war in the party."

Dame Angela Rumbold, Conservative deputy chairman, dismissed suggestions that the Tories were embroiled in civil war. But she urged her colleagues to "keep our eye on the ball" and remember that their real opponents were Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

It has been clear for some time, however, that both Sir George and Mr Townend have been on an unofficial "hit list" whom the left would like to see punished for their behaviour during passage of the Maastricht bill in the Commons.

Mr Townend is now raising more anger by arguing in his post as finance committee chairman against tax increases, an option that Mr Clarke will clearly have to consider in the runup to the November budget. Yesterday Mr Hampson, a close confidant of Michael Heseltine, suggested a 5 per cent rise in the present 40 per cent top rate of tax. Mr Hampson said on the BBC Radio 4 *World at One* programme that raising the top tax rate to 45 per cent would not be a disincentive to "the very rich", but would raise almost £1.8 billion. Mr Townend said on the same programme: "We have accepted a tax increase package of some £10 billion. What many of us are saying now is that the whole of the burden of dealing with the government's deficit must not be borne by the taxpayer. The government has got to pay its share. We have got to have a meaningful package of public spending cuts."

Robbers shatter calm of northern village

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road outside. They shone torches into neighbouring houses and anyone caught in the beam was threatened. The police said nobody was physically assaulted, but they were left in no uncertainty about what might happen to them if they intervened. "One woman witness was pointed at in a very aggressive manner to let her know she had been seen," the spokesman said.

Mrs Heron said: "They had the whole road closed off. I stepped back from the window as they shone a torch at the house. One got on the shoulders of another. It looked like they were doing something to the alarm of the post office. When I went to phone for the police the line was just dead so I stayed inside. There was no point in trying to do anything."

The robbers did not withdraw until almost two and a half hours later when, Mrs Heron said, "I saw them dragging something out of the building and driving off at high speed".

Police hope that witnesses might have noticed the van, since it would be unusual to see a county council vehicle on the road at that time of night. The van, which has the council logo on its side, was last seen heading west out of town on the B6341 towards the village of Thropton.

Rothbury, population 1,733, has a police station but it operates only what Northumbria Police call "short hours", from 9am to late evening, Monday to Friday. The police spokesman said: "We are currently reviewing the opening hours of such police stations."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

More pupils missing from 'minibus' school

Three boys aged between 13 and 15 went missing yesterday from Cotsbrook Hall School, near Shifnal in Shropshire, the special school which last week prompted a nationwide police hunt after 11 pupils disappeared in a stolen minibus.

A West Mercia police spokesman said: "We are worried about them being missing in the sense of their young age, but nothing else." Ten of the children in last week's incident were later found, but one pupil is still missing. The private residential school takes up to 25 children referred by education authorities, social services and parents.

Mother freed for baby

Stacey Anne Smith, 23, of Blaengarw, Mid-Glamorgan, jailed for two years in February by Cardiff Crown Court for drug offences, had her sentence halved by the Appeal Court yesterday so that she might be with her sick baby in hospital in London. The decision enabled her immediate release because of time she had served in custody.

Fishing trawler held

A Spanish-owned trawler is being held in Plymouth while charges of illegal fishing are investigated. The boat, *Siebech III*, was intercepted by a Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel 150 miles west of the Isles of Scilly on Sunday morning and arrived in the Devon port under escort yesterday afternoon.

Milligan has by-pass



Spike Milligan, left, the comedian and writer, is recovering in hospital after heart by-pass surgery. Mr Milligan, 75, consulted a cardiologist after feeling short of breath and had the operation in London last Wednesday. His agent said: "It is ironic that this should happen to him as he has been a vegetarian for 30 years, is a non-smoker, drinks only wine, and swims 30 lengths daily."

Father appeals to Kenya

John Ward, the Suffolk hotelier who has spent more than £300,000 trying to find out who killed his daughter Julie in Kenya in 1988, has requested a meeting with President Moi to seek reimbursement. A judge made allegations of a police cover-up when two game wardens were acquitted of the murder of Miss Ward, 28.

Laura off respirator

Laura Davies, the five-year-old suffering from a rejection of her transplanted small intestine, was able to breathe on her own yesterday. Laura, from Manchester, has been taken off a respirator in hospital in Pittsburgh, where she underwent a liver and bowel transplant last year. Her condition is described as critical but stable.

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Nasa scours solar system after Mars probe disappears

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

■ Fears are growing that a ruptured fuel tank on the £600m Observer may have blown apart the US mission to the red planet

NASA scientists were struggling last night to find a multi-million pound space craft lost 450 million miles from Earth on the most important mission to Mars for nearly two decades.

The *Mars Observer*, a lynchpin in America's push to study and eventually colonise the red planet, disappeared as its fuel tanks and thrusters were being readied to manoeuvre it into a Martian orbit.

During the last 36 hours, engineers have been sending radio signals in the hope of regaining contact, but without success. Fears were growing that a spark may have ignited the Observer's fuel, blowing the £600 million craft apart or causing the tanks to rupture.

Unless the fuel tanks are pressurised, the Observer will spin uselessly past the planet, ending years of planning and adding to the woes of the US space agency.

Building a new craft could take years and would come at a time of increasing pressure on Nasa's budget after a series of embarrassing mishaps. These include the Hubble space telescope, launched with a flawed primary mirror and jittery solar panels, which astronauts will try to repair in December. Earlier this month, a US Air Force Titan IV, reportedly carrying one or more spy satellites, blew up after launch from Vandenberg air base.

Nasa is using imaginative technological tricks to salvage 70 per cent of the Galileo spacecraft's 1995-97 exploration of Jupiter, although the craft is handicapped by a *jammed main antenna. Contact with Mars Observer*, launched 11 months ago by a Titan rocket from Cape Canaveral, was lost at 1.00 GMT on Sunday as the craft was just 400,000 miles from Mars.

Nasa engineers sent a command switching off the Observer's communication systems to avoid explosions as they warmed the fuel in the tanks ready to fire the thruster to push it into orbit. During pressurisation, the tanks are heated up. The engineers were keen to avoid electrical sparks igniting the fuel.

Normal communications should have returned about an hour later, but so far the probe has been silent.

At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, Glenn Cunningham, manager of the mission, said if that the tanks had failed to pressurise or had ruptured the craft would be unable to fire its thrusters and would be lost.

A spokesman for the laboratory said the team was hoping that the problem was less serious and due to the observer's antennas pointing the wrong way or its transmitter having failed restart.

The Observer mission, the first return to Mars since two Viking orbiters and landing craft visited in 1976, has been *dogged with faults. Rockets* have failed to signal that they have fired and communications have repeatedly broken down. This latest crisis is considered the most worrying and frustrating, coming hours before the craft was due to reach its destination.

Nasa had planned to spend until November easing the craft into a near-polar orbit. After that, it was supposed to spend one Martian year, or 687 earth days, photographing and imaging the terrain, weather and climate.

The laboratory spokesman said: "Viking gave us zillions of pieces of information but raised many millions of questions. The Observer has a much better scientific package that will allow us to look for the possibility of water in the polar caps or as permafrost. Its cameras have a resolution down to 3ft."

The Mars Observer is designed to slot into orbit automatically without commands from Earth. However, unless communications can be restored, the probe will be unable to share what it sees with mission controllers.

This is not the first mission to Mars to have suffered a setback. The former Soviet Union sent at least 15 and possibly 17 spacecraft toward *Mars. Half of those missions* failed completely. Contact was lost with the most recent spacecraft sent to Mars, twin *Soviet Phobos probes* launched in 1988.





Nicolette Harrison, 17, with the marquess in 1958

Wife of pop star Fame falls to her death from bridge

By Angela Mackay

NICOLETTE Powell, wife of the pop star Georgie Fame, plunged to her death from the Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol. The 52-year-old former debutante, who was first married to the Marquess of Londonderry, was buried yesterday.

Known to her friends as Nico, Mrs Powell was at the centre of a sensational divorce from the marquess that involved her son being declared illegitimate. The marriage was dissolved in 1971.

Friends said she had been depressed during the months before she fell to her death on August 13.

An inquest was opened and adjourned last week pending further investigation into the circumstances of her death. However, witnesses suggested that she jumped from the 245ft bridge. Onlookers in a passing boat helped police to pull her quickly from the avon, but she was dead on arrival at *Bristol Royal Infirmary.* Fame — real name Clive Powell — identified his wife's body but, at the request of her *family, her death* was kept secret until the funeral at a church near their Someset home.

A recent report by Bristol health authority suggested the bridge's walkways should be closed to pedestrians to halt the number of fatal leaps, which number more than a thousand since the bridge opened. The Samaritans have telephone hotlines at either end of the bridge to give the despairing one last chance to talk to someone who might discourage them from suicide.

Nico Powell, the daughter of a wealthy Lloyd's insurance broker, was launched into society when she was 17 and made the marriage of the season to the 20-year-old marquess in 1958. They had two daughters and appeared to have a model relationship for the Swinging Sixties.

In 1970, however, the marquess sued for divorce, naming Fame as co-respondent. The following year, the marquess was back in court alleging that he was not the father of the then Lady Londonderry's son, Tristan, who stood to inherit his putative *father's title.*

Blood tests proved that the marquess could not be the 18-month-old boy's father. Soon afterwards, Fame married Nico at Marylebone Register Office. The couple were dressed in the height of seventies fashion, Fame in a bottle green velvet suit and no tie and Nico in a blue midi dress. Fame declared that he decided to marry Nico when the baby had been born but "circumstances made it impossible". He was familiar with the Londonderry set and had appeared at Annabel's, the West End club named after the marquess's sister, Lady Annabel Birley.

Fame was born in a small Lancashire mining town near Wigan and was a weaving apprentice before he found stardom with the Blue Flames, with Alan Price and as a solo artist. After their wedding 21 years ago, the couple lived in a rambling farmhouse in Stoke Trister, Somerset.

Yesterday, Fame returned to the farm home with family and friends, including sons Tristan, 24, and James, 20, in a cortege of three hearses laden with flowers.

A friend said that the family was too upset to talk. He said: "There is nothing to say tonight."

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Georgie Fame and Nicolette Powell. They married after her divorce

Mother, 16, threw baby from window

By A Staff Reporter

A TEENAGER wept yesterday as she admitted throwing her new-born daughter from a bedroom window because she was frightened that her mother would discover the illegitimate birth.

Neighbours heard the baby whimpering but thought it was an injured cat and took no notice, the Old Bailey was told. The 6½lb girl died from head injuries and exposure, Ann Curnow QC, for the prosecution, said.

The 16-year-old mother, who gave birth during the night on the floor of the bedroom she shared with her younger sister, who slept throughout, admitted infanticide. Judge Steel ordered that the girl, from Willesden, northwest London, should not be identified and she was remanded on bail until next month for reports.

The slightly-built girl had *repeatedly denied being pregnant* when questioned by her mother, saying her stomach was growing because of overeating. In April she went into labour and gave birth in her bedroom. She cut the umbilical cord and threw the baby, who was crying and moving her limbs, out of the upstairs window. Miss Curnow said: "Neighbours below had awoken at 3am to hear a sound like a cat crying, then like a baby."

The teenager's mother found blood in the girl's bedroom in the morning and demanded to know whether she had given birth, but the girl *strenuously denied it.*

Her mother, "hysterical and in panic", took her to hospital where she continued to deny having given birth even after tests proved that she had.

Miss Curnow said: "A doctor at the hospital described the girl as very innocent, upset and scared, and the next day a midwife who spoke to the girl described her as very shocked and detached, with no emotion and removed from everything going on around her."

The girl finally admitted that she had thrown the baby out of the window because she was frightened of being sent back to Jamaica. The court was told that she now lived with an aunt.

Miss Curnow said the mother's former boy friend had been traced and would be appearing in court soon charged with unlawful sexual intercourse with the girl, who was 15 when she became pregnant.

Charges dropped against cricketer

By A Staff Reporter

A FORMER Northamptonshire and Pakistani Test cricketer was cleared yesterday of theft and the false imprisonment of a Pakistani dancer, after it was claimed that she was too frightened to give evidence against him.

Colin Pitt, for the prosecution, offered no evidence at the Old Bailey against Sarfraz Nawaz, 44, telling the judge that "it is clear pressures have been brought directly and indirectly on the lady" from within the Pakistani community.

Mr Pitt emphasised that he was not saying the pressures had come "in any way" from Mr Nawaz.

"She is now in the position that she is reluctant and unwilling to give evidence in *this case,*" said Mr Pitt. "That may well be for a host of reasons — in particular for her family, particularly if she were to return at some stage to Pakistan, as I understand her intention is."

Judge Grigson ordered that verdicts of not guilty be entered on both charges of theft and false imprisonment. He also ordered that Mr Nawaz have his costs paid out of public funds. Mr Nawaz had denied assaulting and unlawfully imprisoning Azra Rauf, 35, on September 10 last year and stealing money from her.

Mr Pitt said that Miss Rauf had given evidence at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in central London but now was not prepared to stand up in court and give her version of events. He said that a second Pakistani female witness, who was also going to give evidence for the prosecution, was now no longer prepared to come to court.

"She supports the complainant's story to a certain extent. She too is reluctant to come to court," Mr Pitt said. "Having considered the matter and *taken instructions, reluctantly* but with some degree of understanding, the Crown do not think it is right to put before a jury the evidence of two witnesses who are reluctant."

Sibghatullah Kadri, QC, for the defence, said that Mr Nawaz was "ready and willing" to be tried.

The judge said that "it does not seem appropriate for me to make an enquiry into the woman's motives in not carrying the case any further. She is unwilling to give evidence, that is as far as this matter goes."

OED defines grey areas of Majorism

By Philip Howard

AS A political philosophy, "Majorism" may be as slippery to define and as *dependent on its* predecessor for definition as Postmodernism. Nevertheless, the tricky definition is going to be made in black and white rather than grey next month, in the *New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*: "The political and economic policies of the British Conservative politician John Major (b. 1943), who became prime minister in 1990."

This may be jejune, but it conforms to best lexicographical policy of recording established usage with a respectable shelf-life. Other ephemeral words fell at the last fence. "Squarial" almost made it, but was dropped when BSB merged with Sky, and its distinctive square aerial became obsolete, linguistically as well as televisually.

The *Shorter Oxford* is the top dictionary for writers in a hurry to know about spelling of words, meanings and a summary of their history. Its only previous edition, 60 years ago, was merely a flawed abbreviation of the big *Oxford* in 20 volumes, which had finally appeared in 1928 after 71 years of preparation.

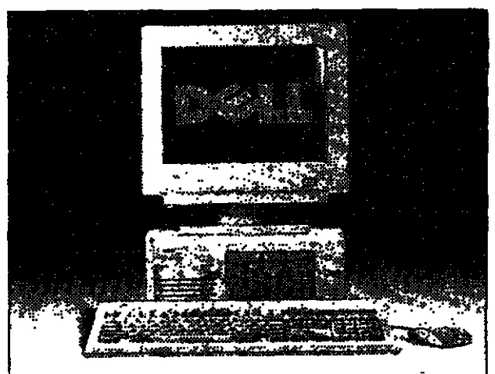
Next month's second edition has taken 13 years to compile and cost £3 million. As a result of the introduction of computer databases and other new technology, this is an independent new dictionary rather than a summary of its big brother. So it defines for the first *time the stale chattering classes, mis*placed among the citations under *chatter*: "*colloq. (derog.)* the articulate professional people given to free expression of (esp. liberal) opinions on society and culture."

Other previously unrecorded words in the constant snowstorm of new *English include* "grebo", *defined as an* urban youth "frequently characterised by long hair and anti-social delivery", and "political correctness", laboriously defined as, "conformity to a body of liberal or radical opinion, esp. on social matters, in the avoidance of anything, even established vocabulary, that may conceivably be construed as discriminatory or pejorative".

Any new dictionary of this size (97,600 headwords, half a million definitions) is bound to include the meanings of many previously unrecorded words. But for serious wordsmiths, the most exciting novelty is the pre-dating of words, with examples older than those found in the *big brother.* "Arab", *for example,* turns out to be late Middle-English, 200 years earlier than the big *Oxford*'s citation from Evelyn's *Diaries.*

The new Shorter Oxford, edited by Lesley Brown, comes in two volumes at £60, or £70 with a thumb index. However, in the nature of language, *which changes faster than publishing* schedules, no new dictionary is ever going to be the last word on the English language.

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Ambridge folk are brought to book at last

■ Now that The Archers has been injected with a dose of nineties realism, it helps to know who is doing what and to whom

BY JOE JOSEPH

IN ITS latest attempt at imitating real life, *The Archers* now has its own Who's Who, providing insights into the people, places, animal herds and even crop acreages that *make the series a must for 3.3* million Radio 4 listeners and a mystery to those who think a Grundy is an outdated Polish currency.

Those uninitiated in the comings and goings of the fictional village of Ambridge, or the casual listener who tunes in occasionally while idling in a traffic jam, can now discover who is the true great love of Phil Archer's life (his Middle White sow Molly, daughter of Freda, actually), or why Elizabeth Archer is so chummy with her employer Nigel, who always calls her Lizzie (because they were engaged briefly and not all the embers have died).

"If you've ever moved into a village," Vanessa Whitburn, the editor of the radio series, said, "you'll know how difficult it can be to get to know the people and to get a feel for the place. Starting to listen to *The Archers* can be rather like that. Moving to Ambridge is a tall order and no wonder some people get confused. This guide should help make *things clearer.*"

Also, since Ms Whitburn, a former producer of Channel 4's grittier *Brookside*, has injected some rural realism into Ambridge, a Who's Who comes in handy. Now that the characters no longer just milk cows and save premature lambs, but also get involved in armed robbery, hostage-taking, unprecedented swearing, heart attacks, abortions, financial scandals and the seduction of a young lad by an unmarried mother, it helps to know exactly who is doing what to whom.

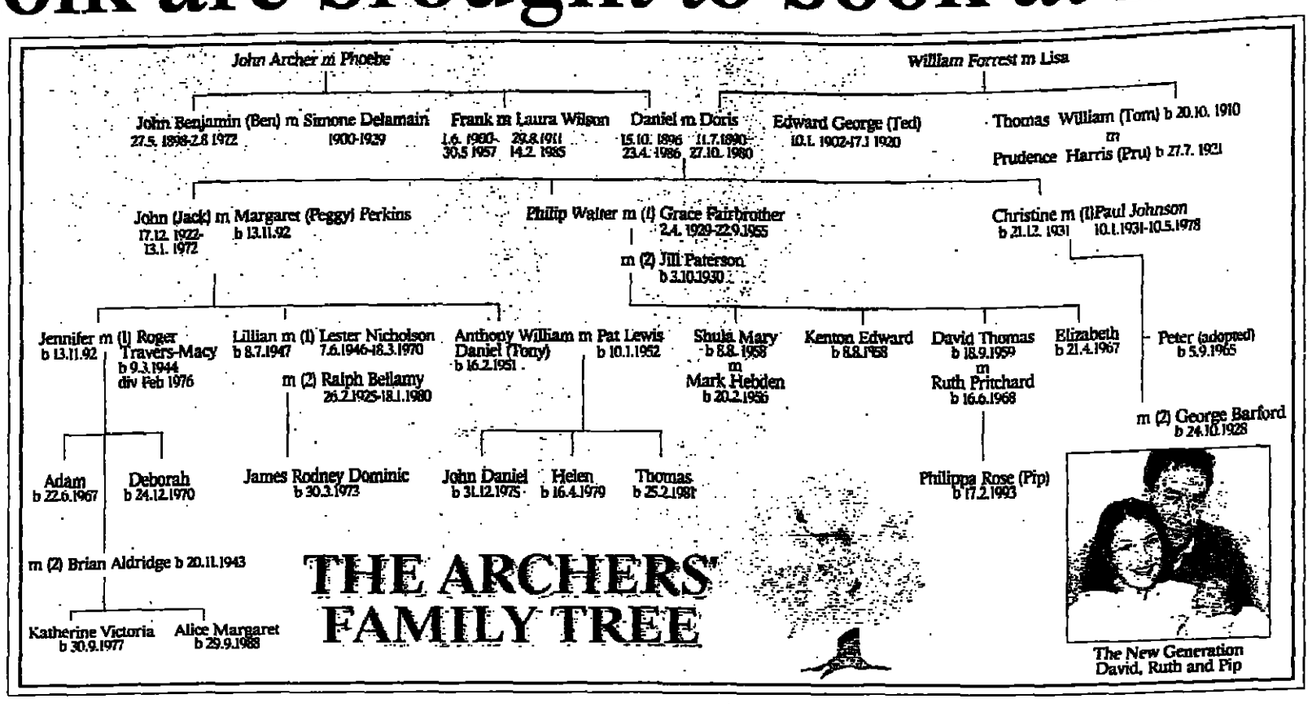
Staff at the BBC's office at Pebble Mill, Birmingham, which produces the 42-year-old series, are hoping that *Who's Who in Ambridge* will also reverse the tide of telephone calls they receive from anxious listeners trying to find out whether a new character is related to Phil Archer or once fancied Jennifer Aldridge.

Anyone who has wondered why the phrase, "Oh no, here comes Lynda Snell" recurs so frequently can at last learn that Lynda, a relative newcomer to Ambridge, is a passionate campaigner for a greener Ambridge and bullies those who fall ecologically short, failing to realise that the locals think her a sentimental townie who has a precarious grasp of the countryside.

According to the guide, Brian Aldridge, of Home Farm, who once had an affair with Caroline Bone, the posh manager of the Grey Gables hotel, has recovered from epilepsy and is fit to resume his caddish ways with women.

But did Peggy Woolley (formerly Archer) have a wartime affair with a former American GI? Was shady wine-bar boss Nelson Gabriel involved in the Borchester mail van robbery? Does Dr Richard Locke, the new GP, fancy Debbie Aldridge or Elizabeth Archer? Or both? The guide does not tell us.

☐ *'Who's Who in Ambridge'* is available by sending a cheque/postal order for 95p to: Who's Who in Ambridge, Room 418, BBC Pebble Mill, Birmingham, B5 7QQ



The New Generation David, Ruth and Pip

Equality watchdog seeks EC decision

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is to be taken before the European Commission over the failure of Britain's equality laws in more than 10 years to achieve equal pay for women in line with EC laws.

The unprecedented referral is to be made by the country's watchdog on equality, the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), which says British legislation is "seriously defective" and in breach of EC law. The EOC points out that in nearly a decade of equality legislation, only 23 successful claims on equal pay have been made.

The EOC's move is a last-resort measure after failing to persuade the government over more than 12 years to make changes to the equal pay laws to ensure they comply with Europe. If the European Commission finds that UK laws are in breach of EC laws, the European Commission can take the government to the European Court of Justice in what are called infringement proceedings.

The present procedures for bringing an equal pay claim are a denial of effective access to justice, the EOC says. They remain lenghty and complex, involving 14 different stages, and many points of law are still unclear 10 years after the legislation. There are also long delays in mounting claims, with cases taking on average two and a half years, and some running for more than seven years.

Yesterday the watchdog body said the government "has not accepted what the EOC believes to be essential amendments to the law to achieve equal pay". Nor, it added, had the government accepted legal advice that British laws did not comply with EC laws.

Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the EOC, said: "We have decided to seek a definitive ruling on whether the United Kingdom equality laws breach EC laws."

The move coincides with the decision to be announced today by the TUC to make an official complaint to the European Commission over the government's abolition of Wages' Councils, which sets the wages for 2.5 million low-paid workers. The abolition, from August 30, is in breach of the government's obligations on equal pay, they say.

Yesterday the EOC said it shared the Trades Union Congress's concern that abolition would worsen the wage gap between women and men, and that it would dismantle one of the most practically effective ways of maintaining equal pay for women.


Bahl: seeking a ruling on UK equality laws

Mother is killed hours into dream holiday

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BRITISH family has been struck by tragedy within hours of starting their first foreign holiday. Aileen Trump, 40, was killed and her daughter, a son and one of their cousins are in intensive care after their car was involved in an accident in Orlando, Florida.

Mrs Trump's husband Barry, 41, who was driving, is also in hospital but is not thought to be seriously injured. Mrs Trump, a former mayoress of Blyth Valley, Northumberland, and her family were less than a day into a two-week visit to Disneyworld, when the crash happened on Sunday night.

John Tweddle, a family friend, said: "They had never been on holiday before, just the odd day trip. It had been planned for a year and they were so looking forward to it. It is an absolute tragedy.

"They had been married for 20 years and it was all struggle, struggle, but they had saved up and this was to be their dream holiday. I don't know if they even made it to Disneyworld. I doubt it. I don't think they would have had the time."

Yesterday doctors at the Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando said the two children were stable. Catherine Trump, 12, who has head injuries, was heavily sedated. Her brother Sean, 15, was recovering from an emergency operation on his spleen. The children's cousin Gaynor Lee, 13, from Guisborough, Cleveland was also stable.

The family's eldest son, Stephen, 21, did not travel with the group and was being comforted by relatives at home in Blyth yesterday.

Dave Crawford, chief executive of Blyth Valley Council, said Mrs Trump worked tirelessly for charity. "The whole council is in deep shock."

Gulliver described his creator's illness

BY NICHOLAS WATT

JONATHAN Swift, whose writings graphically describe the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, may have been one of the first recorded victims of the illness, according to an expert on dementia.

Dr John Lewis, of North Carolina, says the author of *Gulliver's Travels*, who died in 1745, unwittingly chronicled his own decline through the disease, which kills thousands of people a year.

Writing in the latest issue of *The Lancet*, Dr Lewis says that in the novel, published in 1726, Swift paints a familiar picture of the debilitating effects of the disease. "Anyone acquainted with Alzheimer's will recognise a familiar ring in the words written over two centuries ago."

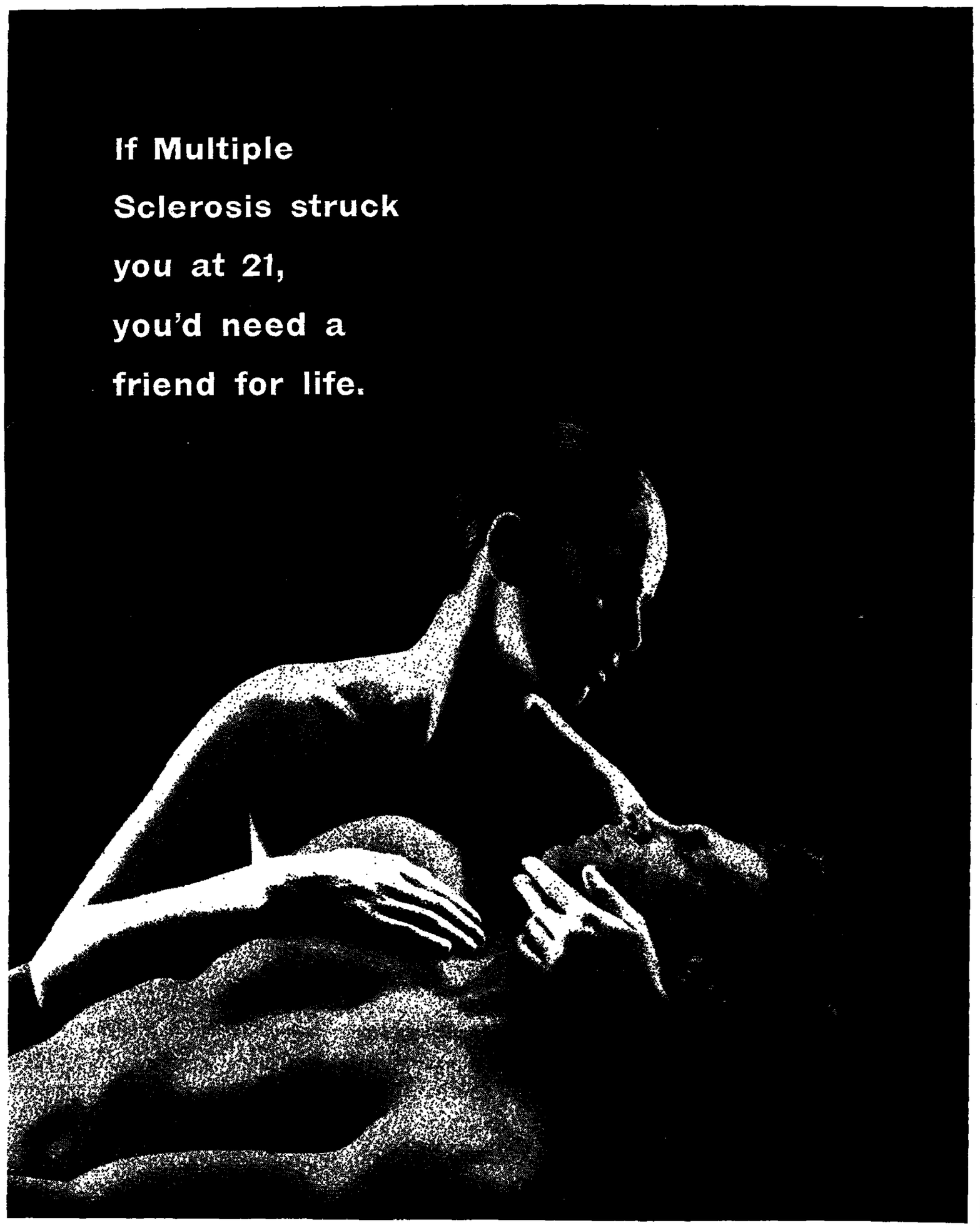
Swift wrote that the Immortals "have no remembrance of anything but what they learned and observed in their youth and middle age, and even that is imperfect ... In talking they forget the common appelation of things, and the names of persons, even of those who are their nearest friends and relations.

"Neither are they able ... to hold any conversation (farther than a few general words) with their neighbours ... They were the most mortifying sight I ever beheld."

Swift's friends noticed the decay of his memory ten years before his death. He declined so badly, according to Dr Lewis, that in 1742 he was declared incompetent and his affairs handed to caretakers.

However, Dr Lewis says that Swift managed a measure of revenge on the disease. "He (unwittingly perhaps) created a remarkable and timeless portrait of this terrible illness. Gulliver's horror on learning the truth about the Immortals is no different from the feelings of those who come face to face with Alzheimer's disease today."

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Inspector studies old workings

Miners who found colleagues dead refuse to enter pit

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MINERS traumatised by last week's accident at Bilsthorpe colliery in which three men died have vowed never to work underground again. As production resumed at the pit, special counselling is being given to 200 men involved in the 14-hour rescue operation.

The reopening of the Nottinghamshire colliery coincided with preliminary findings indicating that the pit's roof bolting support system, criticised by some as unsafe, was not to blame for the accident.

Brian Langden, deputy chief inspector of mines, said the rock fall had been so great that he doubted whether any method of roof support would have held firm. He said he would be questioning the presence of an old tunnel close to new excavations as a possible cause of the accident.

Most men returned to the pit yesterday. But Dave Bates, branch secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, who discovered one of the bodies, said that some staff had found the experience of recovering their dead friends too disturbing to return underground. "Some people have said to me that they will never go underground at this pit again," Mr Bates said.

Mr Langden's initial findings contradict the claims of Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, that the roof bolting system was unsafe on its own and could have caused the tragedy. The NUM claims that roof bolts, hammered into the ceiling of a tunnel and injected with resin to bind the rock together, should never be used as the sole support.

Mr Langden, who said his investigation would be completed in weeks rather than months, said: "The extent of this collapse of ground was such that it is probable the tunnel would have collapsed had passive supports been used instead of roof bolts."

Political pressure has been mounting over government plans to replace mine safety rules by a voluntary code of conduct. Miners' unions and Labour leaders yesterday threatened a court challenge to government proposals to transfer safety regulation away from pit deputies.

The plans will take effect from October without the need for parliamentary approval. The union said that under the new regulations, incorporated in a statutory instrument which does not require MPs' approval, 70 per cent of safety rules would be contained in non-mandatory codes of conduct which could be ignored by future owners of privatised pits.

Peter McNestry, general secretary of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, said the move was "the clearest piece of deregulation of safety laws any country has ever seen". The union is considering calling for a judicial review of the government's action, claiming that the change would put miners' lives at risk.

John Monks, general secretary-elect of the TUC, said: "The accident at Bilsthorpe was a potent reminder to all those who thought coal mines were safe places. Anybody who cuts corners and takes chances in the interests of increased productivity, without proper regard to safety, runs grave risks with the lives of people underground."

Frank Dobson, Labour's shadow employment secretary, said Britain's mines had been much safer than those in Germany and America, but the safety record was being jeopardised. "The government plans to sabotage Britain's successful safety system."

The government said yesterday that MPs could press for a debate on the plans within 40 working days of Parliament resuming in October.

MALCOLM CROFT



Sharon Ellis takes a break yesterday from working out with the boxers at the Rotunda club in Liverpool

Woman set to ring the changes

SHARON Ellis celebrated the ending of 113 years of male domination in amateur boxing coaching yesterday with a workout in the gym.

Miss Ellis, 21, from Litherland, Merseyside, has been helping to coach world-class boxers at the highly rated Rotunda club in Kirkdale, Liverpool, for ten months while fighting for official recognition.

Now she has become the first woman to win the right to take an official coaching examination with the newly formed Amateur Boxing Association of England Ltd.

She began by teaching aerobics at the gym but soon involved herself in all aspects of the work.

"Some of the men used to come in snarling when I started coming here teaching aerobics. At first it was hard but now they are all really nice to train with and I have their respect," she said.

She collected a black eye from a misplaced punch a couple of weeks ago. "My Mum didn't like it at first when I came home with cut hands, but now my family are all supporting me."

Councils pull the plug on windfarms

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is catching up with the United States in wind power, with more turbines expected to be set up in the next seven years than in the hills of California and mountains of North Dakota.

The findings, by the American Wind Energy Association, come amid growing concern over the visual impact of wind machines and their noise pollution.

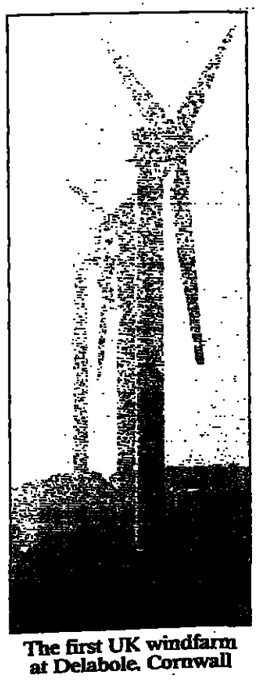
In Cornwall, site of the first British commercial wind project, councils are starting to block plans amid fears that the skyline could be filled with spinning propellers. About 58 wind farms — 14 in Cornwall — have secured support under the government's Non Fossil Fuel Obligation, a levy encouraging environmetally sound electricity generation. However, four have been refused and four have been subject to appeals. Six are seeking planning permission, are being built or generating.

The latest battle centres on plans by Ecogen for an 11-turbine park at St Breock, North Cornwall council, which sanctioned the first commercial project at Delabole in 1990, has rejected the scheme but the company appealed. An environment department inspector's report is expected within days.

A similar move was made recently by Carrick council over plans for a 15-turbine farm at Four Burrows, which was overturned by an environment department inspector. Councillors feared that a landscape of propellers might damage tourism, distract drivers, and the noise upset residents.

Critics of windfarms say the contribution of wind energy to the nation's electricity needs is too small to justify the damage to the countryside. In the United States, almost no new turbines are being installed but in Britain and the rest of Europe subsidies, tax breaks and incentives are leading to a boom in business.

Supporters say that all electricity generation carries an environmental cost but that renewables such as wind are the least damaging. They also point to Denmark, a fifth the size of Britain, which has 3,000 turbines compared with about 400 here.



The first UK windfarm at Delabole, Cornwall

'No such thing' as free child holidays

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

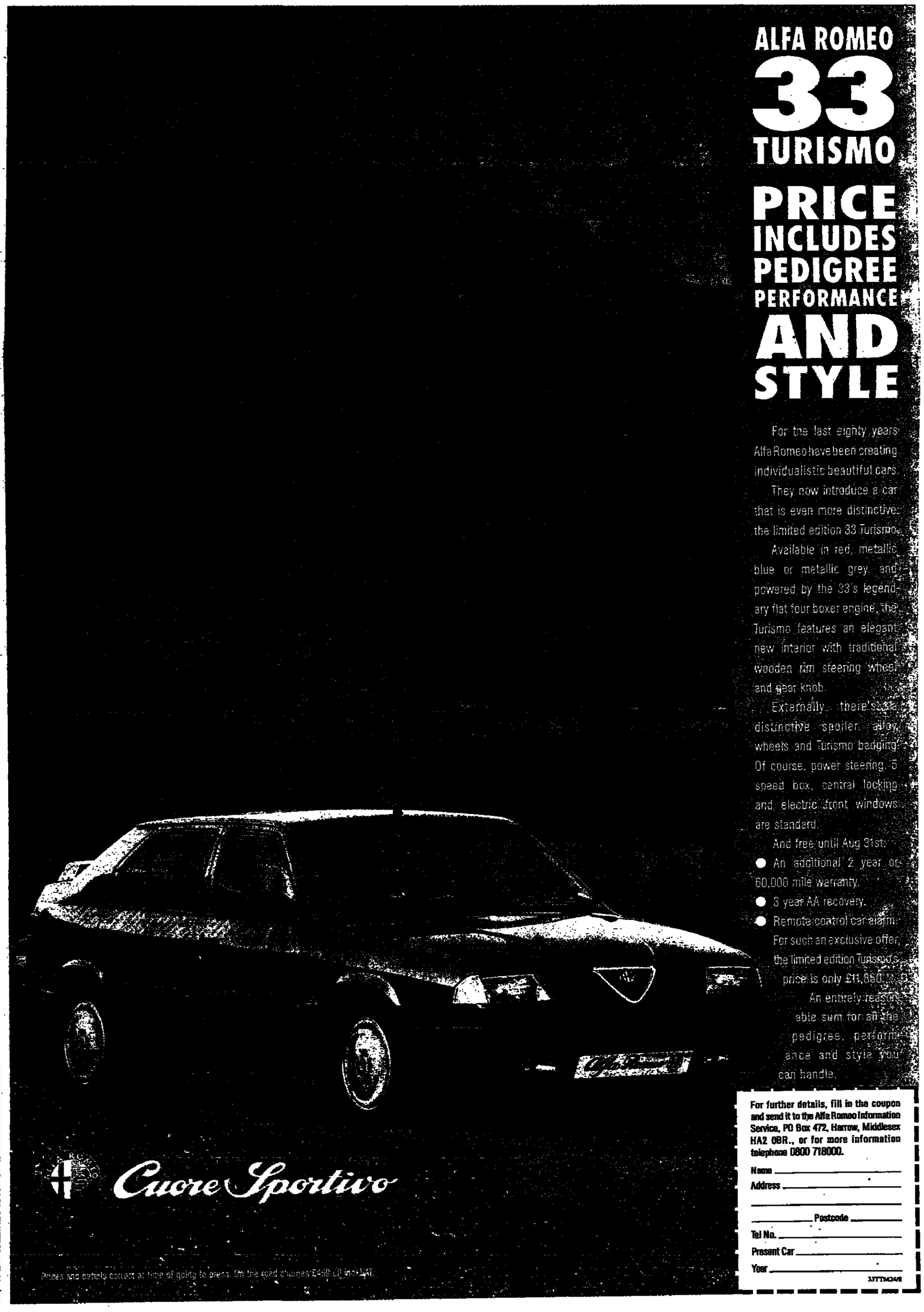
OWNERS Abroad, Britain's second largest tour operator, claimed yesterday that there was no such thing as a free child holiday and many of the discounts offered by package holiday companies were not as great as they claimed.

Dermot Blastland, managing director of the company, which launched its 1994 summer brochure yesterday, said the battle between holiday companies would not produce the savings the public expected.

Owners is competing to win a big slice of the estimated 8.5 million holidays to be sold over the next 12 months. Mr Blastland alleged that Thomson, the biggest operator, had taken £10 million off the current summer 1993 brochure price for package holidays instead of the £60 million it had claimed.

"Thomson is reducing its prices for next year because it admitted that its holidays were too high," he said. "There is no such thing as a free child place. Someone has to pay if a child goes free because prices are spread across the board."

A spokesman for Thomson said: "We are not going to get involved in mud-slinging, but we have an enormous number of price comparisons showing real savings on next year's family holidays."



Union campaigns to save urban parks and gardens

By John Young

■ The "green lungs" left to Britain's cities by Victorian philanthropists are in need of urgent treatment, MPs are being told

BRITAIN'S legacy of public parks, gardens and playing fields is threatened by government pressure on local authorities to reduce spending, a trade union said yesterday.

The GMB general union is trying to persuade ministers of the importance of maintaining "vital green lungs" in cities and towns. The union says in a leaflet sent to MPs, local authorities, and environmental and horticultural bodies that many historic parks are in decline, and the great glory of municipal horticulture is often the first victim of town hall cuts.

"Many councils know the value of parks and gardens to their tourist trade," it says. "Others still take pride in local traditions of excellence and see how vital urban green space can be, particularly in the inner city. There has been a welcome increase in urban nature reserves.

"But elsewhere a slow cycle of decline has begun. Flower beds in parks are grassed over. Floral dispays in unlikely places, such as roundabouts, are no more. Parks lose their full-time keepers, and the grass is cut less frequently. Vandalism is not put right, and in turn attracts further damage. A park then begins to die. People no longer want to visit or feel it is safe to let their children play. Sooner or later, someone suggests that it could be put up for sale or replaced by a leisure centre."

The GMB believes countryside users have official organisations such as the Countryside Commission, and campaigning groups such as the Ramblers' Association, on their side. The Sports Council and other sporting bodies aim to protect playing fields, although they are also under threat. But urban parks have neither a statutory national body nor a campaign group to defend them.

Mick Graham, national secretary of the union's public services section, said councils had no statutory duty to provide public amenities, so parks, gardens, allotments and sports facilities were an obvious target when they were under pressure to cut spending.

He said the GMB represented council gardeners and parks department workers, but the problem was also an important national issue.

"We are seeing major cutbacks in revenue and staffing, and the use of private contractors who are brought in under compulsory competitive tendering. We will not have the same skilled employees in future, and the tragedy is that our children and grandchildren may not have the same facilities available to them in the 21st century," Mr Graham said.

Park standards were falling all over the country. Maintenance had deteriorated, and flower beds were left unweeded or grassed over. In Battersea park, south London, he had seen bridges patched up with breeze blocks instead of being properly repaired.

Many public parks are the legacy of Victorian philanthropists to help the urban poor, although in the early days some of them charged admission. England has an estimated 70,000 sports pitches, although many have recently been sold off.

Studies in the United States have suggested a link between crime and social problems and the state of public parks. Mary Turner, the union's section chairman, said yesterday that many people in Britain were scared of using large open spaces because of the lack of security and the growing incidence of rape, muggings and vandalism.

"A generation ago, families without gardens regularly used parks for open air and recreation, but they can't do that any more. There is no way that parents can let their children out on their own and feel confident about their safety."

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Professional fishing helps to pay for Porsche

BARRY GREENWOOD



Margaret Owen carrying her haff net on her way to catch salmon in the Lune estuary near Lancaster

Woman nets licence for ancient craft

By Ronald Faux

MARGARET Owen stands chest-deep in the Lune estuary with the ebb tide tugging at her waders, a woman in a man's world. She believes she is the only female in England licensed professionally to catch salmon with a haff net.

There may not be many who would wish to follow her example. In all weathers and at any time of the day or night, when the tide is right, she must clamber into her waders and waterproofs and set out from her home at Sunderland Point near Lancaster.

She carries her haff net, a pole 18ft 6in long with three vertical prongs holding a net, across a thick mud shore to her lonely station, where she edges the net out towards midstream as the tide ebbs. Tied to her waist is a chair leg, known as a priest, which she uses to kill salmon caught in the net.

Mrs Owen, who is married to a fishermen and has a daughter, was granted her licence by the National Rivers Authority. "It took ten years to get the licence and to prove that I earned a living from fishing," she says. "There was a bit of chauvinism among the local fishermen, who rather thought this wasn't a job for a woman. I think I've proved them wrong.

"Sometimes I stand there for five hours and catch nothing. Last July I had a nineteen pounder in the morning and a twenty-pounder in the afternoon. It's nearly impossible to predict."

She is practising an ancient type of fishing, which puts her right among her prey. "Sometimes they bang into me. They don't seem put off by a pair of human legs standing in their way. Big ones just go thud into the net and stop there, smaller ones fight like little devils. Yesterday I caught a seal." Recently she saw what looked to be a bunch of branches approaching her. It was a deer swimming across the estuary.

Standing for hours in chest-deep water, holding the net against the stream, gives a fresh perspective on life. It is very beautiful, she says, when first light shifts the early mist, the tide whispers by and when Plover Scar lighthouse blinks behind her. Even on a wild night, when the wind blows over the tide, Mrs Owen is likely to be out there with her net. "I've not had a cold for years," she says.

There are dangers, however. "I stepped in a hole in the river bed and lost my balance. Next thing I knew the net had my legs and I was off, floating down the river. The hood of my anorak filled with water and was pulling my head under.

"Another fisherman I was with couldn't swim but he managed to get me out." By then she had drifted half a mile and was being pursued by two lifeboats and a helicopter. "I was very lucky. For a few days I worked out very gingerly from the bank."

This season has not been good, but fishermen rarely admit to a good one and the market for fresh wild salmon helps to keep Mrs Owen and her Porsche, her little indulgence, licensed.

Air crash widow backs Gaddafi

By Andrew Lycett

A LONDON woman who is fighting for financial compensation after the death of her husband in an air crash in Libya last year has applauded comments by Colonel Gaddafi in which he blamed United Nations sanctions for causing the disaster.

"I do take Gaddafi's point sympathetically," Felicity Prazak, 38, said last night. Her husband Victor, a quantity surveyor who worked near Benghazi, was one of seven non-Arabs killed in the Libyan crash last December. "Without the sanctions, Vic would have had a safe flight."

The UN sanctions meant Mr Prazak was unable to take an international flight directly from Benghazi to Malta and home for Christmas with his wife and two children, then aged four and three. Instead, he had to fly internally from Benghazi to Tripoli and take a ferry from there to Malta, before flying to London. Sanctions turned the one-day journey home into three days, taking a week off his regular leave, said his wife.

The Libyan leader made his comments in an interview with Scottish Television yesterday. Colonel Gaddafi blamed UN sanctions imposed after the 1988 Lockerbie bombing for causing the crash, which had led to the loss of 157 lives.

The sanctions had prevented the national carrier, Libyan Arab Airlines (LAA), from getting spare parts, he said. They had also stopped technicians from travelling to Libya to check planes for safety.



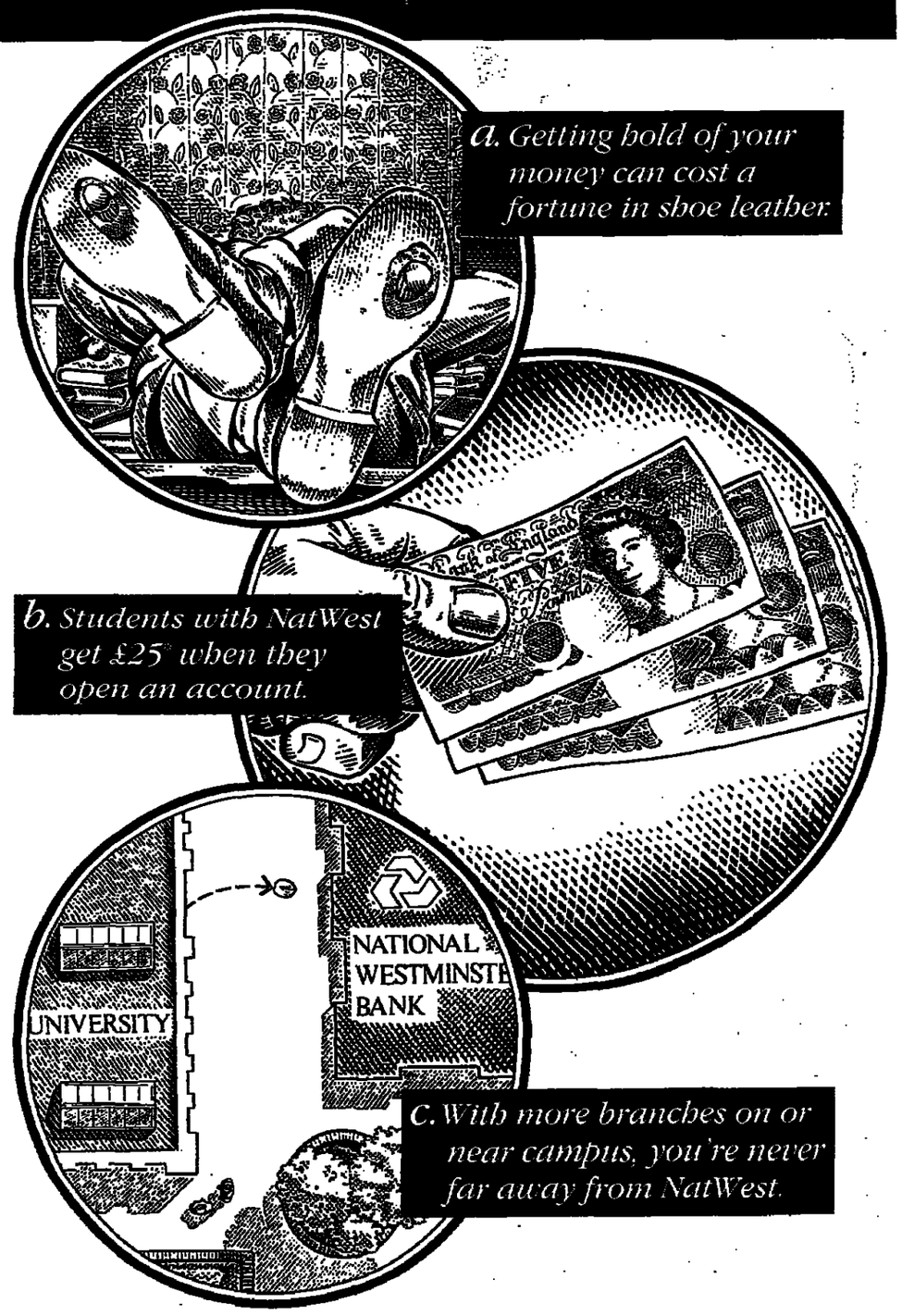
Gaddafi: blamed UN sanctions for the crash

Mrs Prazak travelled to Libya in April to visit her husband's grave. She was not allowed to place a plaque on the actual grave but left it in the Roman Catholic church in Tripoli where a memorial service was held.

LAA did not have full international insurance cover, which would have entitled her to £90,000 in compensation. Instead, it only had domestic cover, amounting to £16,500 per passenger. She is appealing to Colonel Gaddafi personally for additional financial support. She says that, with two children, her "situation is desperate".

She has received some help from her husband's employer and has also written to John Major.

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Blunkett accuses Tories of Animal Farm mentality

Livestock tested on NHS scanner

BY BILL FROST

The NHS is being turned into a "stockbreeders' paradise", it was claimed last night after the disclosure that a sophisticated scanner intended to test patients for cancer had been used on sheep and pigs.

The mobile unit, based at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital and said to be the only one of its kind in the country, was used to assess the fat and muscle content of the livestock.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, expressed anger and amazement that the scanner, which would normally have been hired out to local NHS hospitals, had been used to test sedated rams and pigs for breeding potential. "We are now seeing the farcical reality behind the NHS reforms," he said yesterday.

The MP for Sheffield Brightside added: "George Orwell would be very proud of Virginia Bottomley [the health secretary]. She has managed to transform the NHS into a stockbreeders' paradise. Instead of a caring service devoting key public investment to people, we now have 'Animal Farm' in the health service."

Local Labour MPs yesterday joined the clamour for an enquiry. Lynne Jones (Birmingham Selly Oak) said the scanner should be used "to cut waiting lists, not find out which sheep were going to produce the most money".

A qualified radiographer supervised the operation at the centre of the current controversy as 20 sedated rams and a number of pigs were put through the machine.

Robert Naylor, chief executive of Heartlands, which is a self-governing trust, said the equipment had been used only once for animals.

"This was done at a time when the scanner would never have been used or needed for patients. We would not drop a patient scanning session to put animals through."

He added: "This was very much a one-off bit of research. It was part of a scientific and genetic research programme under the auspices of the Meat and Livestock Commission for the Scottish Agricultural College in Edinburgh.

"This was a scientific venture, not a commercial one, and was an attempt to improve the standard of various breeds."

A spokeswoman for West Midlands Regional Health Authority said: "If a patient needs a scan, they get one straight away — there are no waiting lists."

She said that machine was hired out by Heartlands, as in this case, as a form of income generation and money raised was ploughed back into patient care. "The hospital is simply trying to ensure that the equipment is utilised as much as possible."

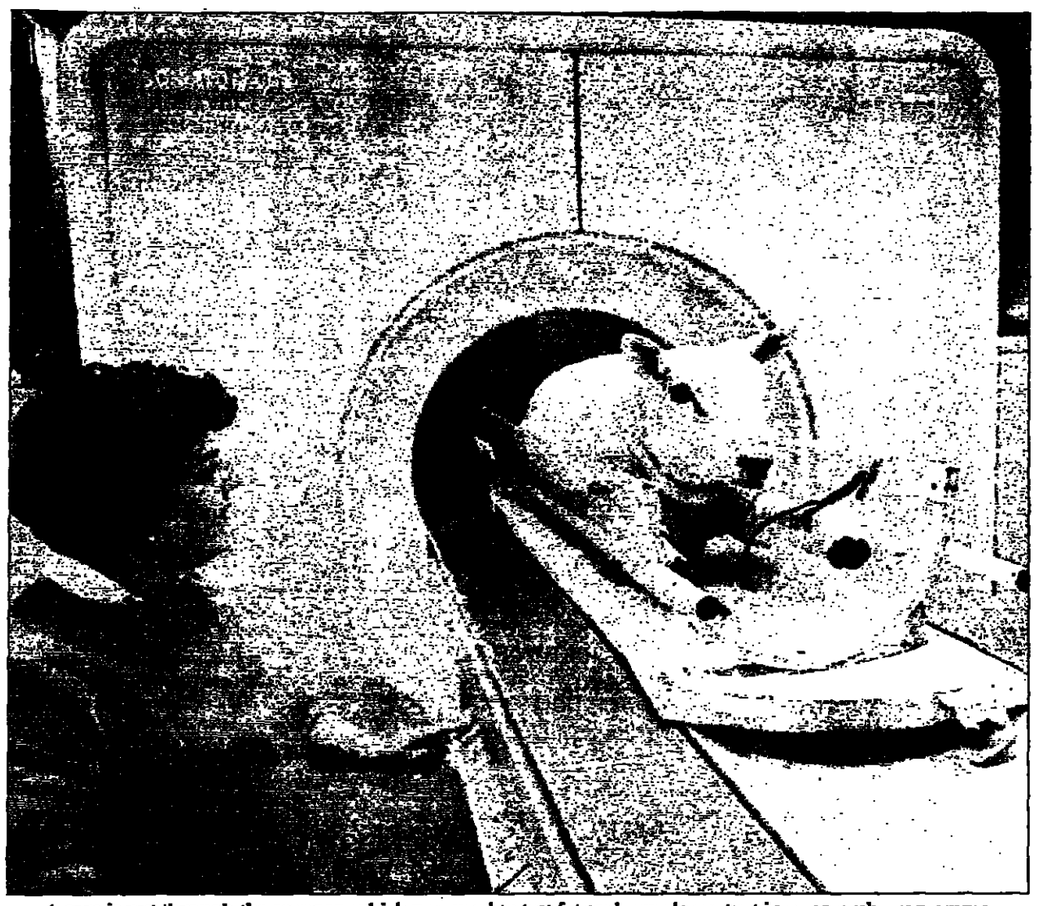
The hospital said that the tests were on a Sunday. "The scanner is only used on humans during the week."

Mr Blunkett said: "The government claimed that money would follow the patient and that treatment would be made available from whatever source and whatever location to help the individual. No one imagined for a moment that what they were talking about was farm animals rather than than those on the one million plus waiting list.

"No wonder appointments for consultations and tests are rising steeply and the government does not keep the facts and figures in this critical area of the NHS. They would probably find that more animals than people are being treated in the modern NHS.

"Mrs Bottomley should not be counting sheep, she should be lying awake at night thinking of a way out of the mess her health service reforms have created."

According to one report, hospitals could ill afford to pay for the mobile scanner. Rates charged by Heartlands were said to be between £1,000 and £1,500 a day.



A ram is put through the scanner, which was used to test fat and muscle content in a research programme



Blunkett: "Farcical reality of reforms"

NEWS IN BRIEF

PC clung to car for two miles

A woman disqualified from driving drove her car for two miles at about 50mph the wrong way along one street and across a school playing field with a policeman clinging to the windscreen wipers, a court was told.

Jasmin Plunkett, 41, of Thetford, Norfolk, who has eight convictions for driving while disqualified, was jailed for two years at Norwich Crown Court, banned from driving for five years and fined £200.

The court heard that PC Mac Thomas had stopped Plunkett at Holt and jumped on the bonnet as she drove away. He fell off and broke his foot when she braked.

Boy stabbed

Nicholas Maguire, 15, of Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, suffered a collapsed lung after he was stabbed during an argument with a group of teenagers over a baseball cap at a caravan park in Porthcawl.

Two wounded

James Russell, 29, and his daughter Alanah, 11, were injured by the same bullet while walking near their home in Kirkton, Dumfries and Galloway. A 32-year-old man was released on police bail.

Armed attack

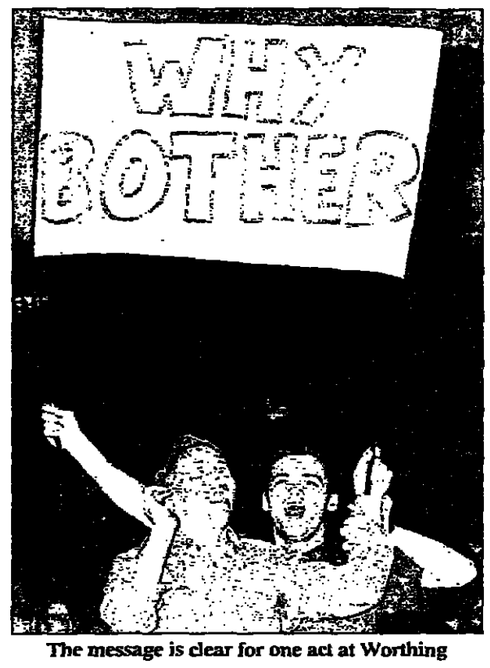
Thieves shot a Post Office security guard as he carried a cash bag from his van into a sub post office in Castle Vale, Birmingham. The condition of the man, who has not been named, is stable.

Bodies found

The bodies of a 28-year-old climber and her dog were recovered from Cader Idris in Snowdonia by an RAF rescue helicopter.

Juror's out

A juror who walked out of Croydon Crown Court because he was tired of waiting to be called to a trial was fined £200. John David Hone, 25, of Thornton Heath, south London, had been there for three days.



The message is clear for one act at Worthing

Antics of audience take the limelight

BY A STAFF REPORTER

HUNDREDS of people were shouting "off, off, off", as a female vocalist struggled to make herself heard. Immediately below her, the staff of a high street record shop hung out their latest sign, on pantaloons suspended on canes: "Sling your hook."

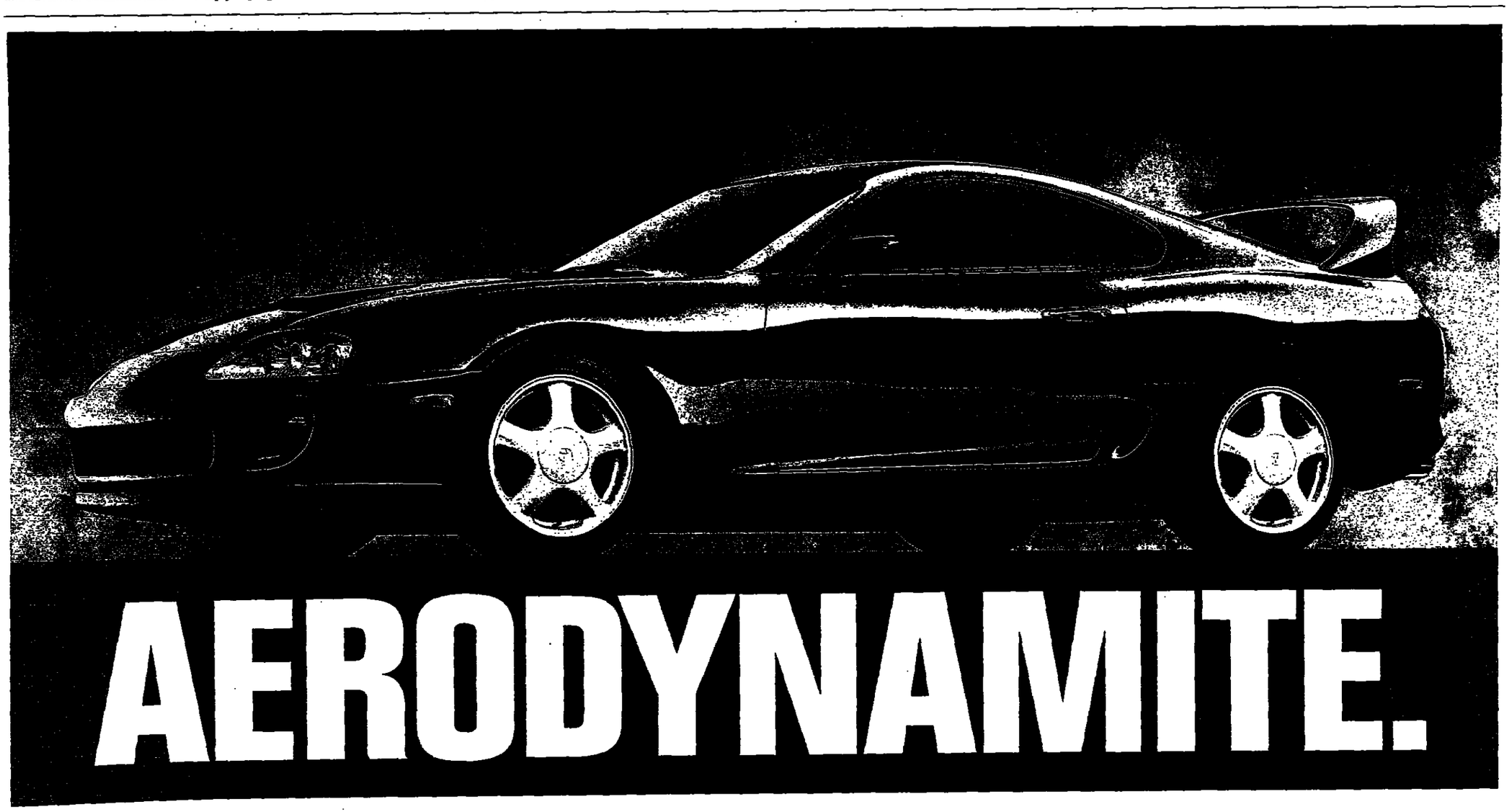
This is the latest phenomena to invade the theatre; exuberant audience participation where the entertainers are almost incidental, not to say totally irrelevant to the spontaneous anarchy of the events going on in the crowd. Even more bemusing is that it should have evolved in Worthing, West Sussex, once synonymous with gentility.

"We must be doing something right," said Sally Anne Lowe, deputy manager of the council-owned Pavilion Theatre. "There's about 600 inside and another 100 who couldn't get in. What other theatre is doing that kind of business on a Monday night? We've even had ticket touts."

The event is the Star Search talent contest, which attracts acts from the basement end of the entertainment industry with a chance of going forward to a national contest organised by the British Resorts Association. Barbara, a sandwich bar owner, said: "Sometimes we just wave at the performer and shout 'Bye, bye' which means pack up and go. Other people hold newspapers up as though they're reading them to mean the same thing."

Sometimes, playful fights with four-foot rubber hammers erupt and beach balls and balloons are punched across the auditorium.

"That was dreadful," said Victor Biswell, 73, who received an "off, off, off" chant from the audience and the attentions of a boy who kept hitting him with an inflatable axe. "But I got through my songs, didn't I?"



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Tumim warns of high costs in prison work scheme

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

JAILS will have to be converted if inmates are to be given greater opportunities to work, the chief inspector of prisons said yesterday.

Judge Stephen Tumim joined prison governors, staff and penal reform groups in issuing a warning that the costs of providing more employment and training would be enormous.

He supported moves to give inmates more work, as leaving them with few activities could spark disturbances. "The problem is that providing more opportunities costs a lot of money. It is going to cost a lot to get more work in prisons," he said.

One senior Prison Service official said the government had to be careful when seeking business. "We might find ourselves accused of poaching work from law-abiding citizens," he said. The service was trying to win contracts but its primary difficulty was that prisons did not offer long runs of products.

Mailbags are still made for the Post Office, horse blankets for the army, plimsolls for the defence ministry and underwear for British Coal.

Although the government wants prisoners to do work similar to the opportunities available outside prison, there is unlikely to be a sudden expansion of pilot schemes. The costs, quality of work, and concerns about the public reaction to prisoners doing work that could be available to the unemployed are factors causing officials to move cautiously.

Judge Tumim said there should be more workshops and better training for many of the 45,000 inmates in Britain's 130 jails. "The majority of prisoners are young men who failed at school. They are not violent or interesting. They have failed with their families and what they need is training, education and help with relationships with their family."

Peter Lloyd, prisons minister, said he hoped private contractors could be brought into prisons. He added that work could be provided, "if possible brought in by private manufacturers, contracting with the prison service to get the work done, and then they should pay of course the proper rates for the job". At present, prisoners can earn a maximum of £7 a week.

Prison industries and farms employ 6,000 inmates and last year industries had sales of £30 million and farms £29 million. Eighty-eight per cent of the products are for the prison service, 5 per cent for other government departments and the rest for the private sector.

Earlier this month, four female prisoners at East Sutton Park prison in Kent started making mozzarella cheese for sale in stores and restaurants. They are paid £3 an hour for a 40-hour week, from which is deducted income tax, national insurance, a contribution for their keep with the rest of the money saved for their release.

Prisoners at Frankland jail in Durham City and Portland, Dorset, are producing fitted furniture for 200 rooms at Nottingham Trent University while inmates at Channings Wood jail in Devon make wooden loud-speaker cases for a private firm.

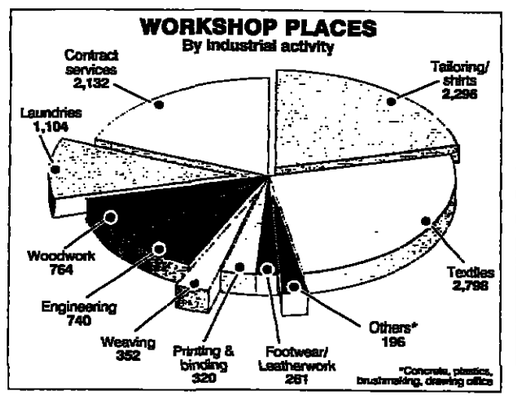
When Strangeways prison in Manchester reopens, prisoners will be able to make wheelchairs for a spinal injuries charity while inmates at Thorn Cross young offenders' institution make braille bingo boards for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Four inmates at Holloway prison, north London, work in an office at the jail run by Reed Employment, the recruitment agency. They take in secretarial work.

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Principal officer Barry Hicks watches inmates at Dartmoor painting telephone boxes for a charity auction



Gummer urged to save countryside from quarrying

■ The environment secretary's solution to the problem of over-quarrying for building materials is pure fantasy, the industry says

By Michael Hornsby, Countryside Correspondent

SIX leading conservation bodies have given a warning that the quarrying of sand, gravel and rock for the construction industry is causing unacceptable damage to the countryside. In a letter to John Gummer, the environment secretary, they say that demand for quarried material, particularly for road building, must be reduced.

But mineral extraction companies said restrictions on quarrying from traditional sources would have a serious impact on the rural economy. "What the conservationists are asking for would force up to 40 per cent of smaller companies out of business and do away with many jobs," the Sand and Gravel Association said yesterday.

Ben Plowden, minerals campaigner at the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "It is not enough just to change the pattern of supply. Road building and upkeep accounts for 33 per cent of all aggregates [sand, gravel and crushed rock] used. If the government is serious about protecting the countryside, it should reduce its road-building programme, which is forecast to cost £23 billion over the next 20 years."

In a consultation paper issued last January, the environment department proposed a 20 per cent reduction in the amount of aggregates to be made available on new sites up to the year 2011, and also suggested that the stocks of land that councils must set aside for quarrying should be halved from ten years' worth of supplies to five.

The department argued that the squeeze on supply would raise the price of freshly quarried material, so forcing construction firms to make more use of mineral wastes such as china clay sand and colliery and blast furnace slag or recycled demolition rubble. At present, these so-called secondary aggregates account for only 10 per cent of supply.

It was also argued that curbs on inland quarrying would make it economic for mining companies to invest in a network of new coastal "superquarries", located in remote areas of the Scottish Highlands and Islands, which would send crushed rock south by sea, so easing the demand in England and Wales. Up to 20 suitable sites were identified. The government is expected to complete its plans in October.

Mr Plowden said: "We think the government's proposals are an improvement on existing policy, but a long-term reduction in the amount of minerals coming from England and Wales has to be achieved without simply digging up large areas of Scotland. We also fear that the government may be retreating even from these modest improvements under pressure from the quarry and construction industries."

British Aggregate Construction Materials Industries said the government's road proposals would require the amount of aggregates coming from coastal quarries to rise from less than five million tonnes to more than 100 million tonnes by 2011. Duncan Pollock, the group's planning officer, said: "This supply could only be met by building up to 40 coastal superquarries, half of them in Scotland and half abroad, at a cost of about £70 million each. This is pure fantasy."

In their letter to Mr Gummer, the conservation bodies point out that, at existing production levels, 40 years' supply of rock and 10 years' supply of sand and gravel is already covered by existing sites without any new sites being permitted.

The letter is signed by the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales, the National Trust, the Council for British Archaeology, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Treasure finder awaits inquest

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A TREASURE trove inquest will be held next week on the Roman treasure found last year at Hoxne in Suffolk. The inquest, in Lowestoft, Suffolk, will decide whether the tableware and thousands of gold and silver coins were hidden to be recovered later, were some sort of offering, or were simply lost.

If the objects were hidden, and the owner cannot be traced, they are classified as treasure trove and are Crown property; if they were committed to the ground without thought of recovery, as with grave goods or an offering, then they become the property of the finder.

With a find of national importance such as the Hoxne treasure, the British Museum is the likely final resting-place of the objects whatever the verdict, and arrangements are being made to display them in the museum early next month.

The treasure was found by Eric Lawes last November and excavated by the Suffolk Archaeological Unit, who determined that it had been buried in a wooden chest. Some 200 gold and silver objects and 14,500 coins were recovered, and these have now been conserved and catalogued by British Museum staff.

The dates on the coins show that they were buried some time after AD 411, when the Romans finally withdrew from Britannia, their northernmost province.

Boy sets sail on Atlantic quest

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A BOY who plans to become the youngest person to cross the Atlantic single-handed set off on the first leg of his voyage at the weekend.

Cameron Spingthorpe, 16, of Ardfern, Strathclyde, who has been sailing since he was eight, left Crinan at the start of his 3,000-mile trip, which is expected to take about a year. He should reach Falmouth, his first stop, in a week.

Cameron has been lent a 25ft yacht, *Howlin' Gael*, by David Raeburn, a naval architect, and has also received navigational and survival equipment worth £9,000 from a number of companies.

Cameron and his family are committed Christians and he says his faith in God will be extremely important to him during the trip. "It was my father who first suggested the idea when I was about 12," he said before setting out. "I've been preparing for this trip since the beginning of last year but it is only in the last three or four months it has dawned on me that it is really going to happen."

The youngest person to have completed a solo crossing is David Sandeman from Jersey who made the trip 16 years ago when he was 17.

Cameron said at the weekend: "If anyone is going to say I'm crazy for trying this, then I would expect them to come up with real reasons and not just say I'm too young."

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Clinton blows hot to music of Ireland

By Nicholas Watt

IRISH gospel music has been ringing round the White House after an 81-year-old man from Ulster sent a recording of his work to President Clinton.

With an eye on cultivating his Irish links, Mr Clinton has personally thanked William "Speedy" Moore, of Coleraine, co. Londonderry, for the tape. The president plays along to the recording on his beloved saxophone.

Mr Moore, who plays the saxophone, the banjo and the guitar, sent his cassette tape, called "He Touched Me", to the White House after watching Mr Clinton play the saxophone on television.

"I typed out a nice moving letter to the president and asked an American friend, Margaret Scott, who lives locally, to send the tape," Mr Moore said yesterday.

"We never thought anything big would come out of it, but to Margaret's surprise a lady phoned one afternoon saying she was President Clinton's secretary. Margaret thought the woman was just pulling her leg, but it turned out to be authentic.

"The president spoke to her for 15 minutes. He thanked her for sending the tape and said how much he loved gospel music. The president even said he was rehearsing to it.

"It is unbelievable. To have the most important man in the world as a fan is incredible."

Mr Moore, a journalist for 64 years who writes a weekly column for the *Coleraine Chronicle*, said he had ambitions to join forces with the president. "We might get together for a double act sometime. The president did say he wanted to come to Ireland and would like to see us."

Nicknamed "Speedy" for his boyhood feats as a racing cyclist, Mr Moore turned to gospel music 17 years ago. "I'm not a master, but a jack of all trades," he said. "I've played the sax all over Ireland." He has just completed a new album and has written three books.

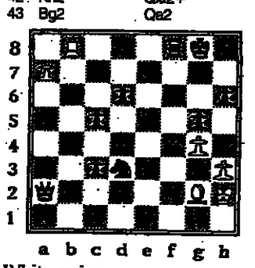
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

THIS year's Lloyds Bank tournament, London's premier open, is now in full swing. Founded in 1977, I must own up to a vested interest: in 1981 I had the pleasure of winning the event. The next year it was Tony Miles, then Yuri Razuvaev (USSR) and in 1984 John Nunn. The 1988 event also doubled as the Commonwealth Championship and Gary Lane took both titles. The game below is from that event.

White: Keith Arkell
Black: Gary Lane
Lloyds Bank Masters 1988
King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	0-0	d6
6	c4	Nc6
7	Nc3	a6
8	h3	Rb8
9	e4	b5
10	cxb5	axb5
11	e5	Nd7
12	Ng5	Nxd4
13	Qxd4	Nxe5
14	Qh4	h6
15	Nge4	e6
16	Qxd8	Rxd8
17	Rd1	f5
18	Nc5	Nf7
19	Nb3	b4
20	Na2	c5
21	e4	g5
22	Na5	Ba6
23	Nc6	Bxe2
24	Re1	Bc4
25	Nxb8	Rxb8
26	a5	e5
27	g4	f4
28	Rd1	Be2
29	Rd2	f3
30	Rxe2	fxe2
31	Bd2	e4
32	Bxe4	Bxb2
33	Rb1	Re8
34	Bc6	Re7
35	a6	Bc3
36	Be1	Ne5
37	Bb7	Nd3
38	a7	Re8
39	Bc6	Rf8
40	Bxc3	bxc3
41	Rb8	e1Q+
42	Kh2	Qd2+
43	Bg2	Qe2



White resigns

This year's Lloyds Bank Masters started last Saturday and runs to Monday August 30. The venue is the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1. Spectators are welcome and play takes place from 1pm to 9pm.

Lane leads

This year Gary Lane has also got off to a flying start. After two rounds of the Lloyds Bank Masters he shares the lead with a 100 per cent score with grandmasters Daniel King, David Norwood and Paul van der Sterren. Britain's boy prodigy Luke McShane has 1½ points, level with Tony Miles and John Nunn. Lane played the following brilliant game in round two.

White: Gary Lane
Black: Michael Adams
Lloyds Bank Masters 1993
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Qe2	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d5
9	d3	Bb7
10	Nbd2	Re8
11	a3	Bf8
12	Re1	Nb8
13	exd5	Nxd5
14	d4	Nc6
15	dxe5	Nf4
16	Qe4	Ne6
17	Qg4	Bc8
18	Ne4	Nc5
19	Bxf7+	Kxf7
20	Qh5+	Kg8
21	Nfg5	h6
22	Qf7+	Kh8
23	Qg6	hxg5
24	Nxg5	Qxg5
25	Bxg5	Be6
26	b4	Ne7
27	Qh5+	Kg8
28	bxc5	Nd5
29	Be3	Nxc3
30	Bd4	Nd5
31	Re4	Bf7
32	Qg4	Be6
33	Qg6	Bf7
34	Qg5	Re6
35	Rg4	Ne7
36	Re1	Rd8
37	h4	Nc6
38	Bc3	Rd5
39	h5	Rxc5
40	Rg3	Rc4
41	f4	Kh7
42	f5	Rh6
43	e6	

Black resigns

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THE GREATEST CHESS PLAYERS

WHO was, or is, the greatest chess player? "Philidor," said Larsen in 1967, "because he was so far ahead of his peers." "Morphy," wrote Bobby Fischer in 1964. "In a set match he would beat anyone alive today."

Then we come to Lasker, Capablanca and Alekhine. Lasker's opinion: "I have known many chess players but only one genius, Capablanca."

Tartakower, when asked who was the greatest, replied: "If chess is an art, Alekhine; if chess is a science, Capablanca; if chess is a struggle, Lasker." But this was before Fischer, Karpov and Kasparov.

"Greatest" implies more than "strongest", so we chose a number of categories.

Strongest player: Fischer
Greatest natural genius: Capablanca
Greatest practical player: Lasker
Greatest tournament players: Lasker and Karpov
Greatest match players: Steinitz and Fischer
Greatest positional player: Capablanca
Greatest strategist: Botvinnik
Greatest attacking players: Alekhine, Tal and Kasparov

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber, £10.99)

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Croats seek slice of aid as UN trucks are blocked

■ Croats are halting aid to the Mostar Muslims. They are likely to continue unless their own starving people are also helped

BY TOM RHODES

BOSNIAN Croats continued last night to thwart United Nations attempts to get a convoy bearing urgent supplies into the Muslim sector of Mostar, denying 55,000 residents food and ignoring calls by the international community to end the siege.

A United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees official said that the price of getting aid through to the Muslims may be to give an equal amount to the Croat-held part of the city, which also requires help.

The UN was hoping to deliver 130 tonnes of supplies to Mostar in southwest Bosnia after an advance convoy on Sunday managed to deliver some supplies to a makeshift hospital in the Muslim quarter where doctors are struggling to treat patients without anaesthetic, electricity or running water.

Officials were holding fresh negotiations yesterday with the Bosnian Croat forces, the HVO, who control access routes into Mostar's Muslim sector, but reported little progress. "We very much hope that Wednesday will be the day that the HVO finally decides they are no longer going to be bloody-minded and they will allow us to take a convoy through," said Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the UN agency. She added that, if the price of delivering aid to the Muslims on the east bank was to contribute an equal amount to the Croat sector of the city, "it's a price we are prepared to pay".

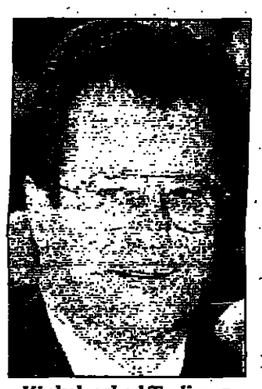
Sally Becker, a British aid worker from Brighton, said by telephone from Mostar that she hoped to negotiate with Croats today for the release of Droce Azem, 3, suffering from a critical heart condition. "They have said they will allow me in to bring the boy out, but whether this will be part of any UN operation remains unknown," she said.

The Bosnian Croats, she said, are increasingly concerned about pockets of Croat-held territory in central Bosnia where they claim their people are suffering equally at the hands of Muslims. She felt it unlikely that they would be prepared to offer widespread assistance to the Muslims of Mostar until Croats in places such as Nova Bila, near Vitez, received help.

Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, yesterday urged President Tudjman of Croatia to help lift the siege of Mostar. Herr Kinkel said in Bonn that he had sent Dr Tudjman an urgent message, asking him to do "everything, really everything" to persuade Bosnian Croats to allow UN aid convoys through.

France said yesterday that it was viewing favourably a call from international mediators to the European Community to administer Mostar as part of the recently negotiated Geneva peace accord.

In Sarajevo, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia appealed to the UN Security Council for help in getting aid to the Muslims. In a letter to the UN, he described the Mostar siege as a "catastrophe", adding that Croat forces had conducted an "ethnic cleansing" campaign there. He urged that the city be declared a UN "safe area" similar to Sarajevo.



Kinkel: asked Tudjman to lift Mostar siege

Airlift families call for military action

BY RICHARD DUCE

PARENTS of Bosnian children evacuated to Britain in an emergency airlift say the world should have acted sooner to help them. At the same time they pleaded for intervention to stop the fighting in their country.

Thousands of children in Bosnia face death unless the international community agrees to use force to end the conflict, a press conference organised by the Bosnia-Herzegovina Information Centre was told in London yesterday.

Zehra Kalamujic, 25, whose eight-month-old son Eldar is in King's College Hospital, London, with a liver condition, told reporters: "I thank the Red Cross, the United Nations and the British government for helping me see my child saved and for making this evacuation possible, but believe me, there are thousands more children left whose mothers are crying now.

"It is very hard for a mother to see her child die. I beg all of you who have any means to do anything you can to enable these mothers to get their children out. Every day is harder there, and every day it is getting more and more impossible." She added that military intervention was "the only hope for us".

Suada Bogdanic, whose son Denis, eight, is in stable condition after undergoing open-heart surgery at Guy's Hospital in London, said: "I think that is the only solution left. After a year and a half of war all our resources have been exhausted. There is no hope. The negotiations go nowhere.



MICHAEL POWELL

Zehra Kalamujic, with her son Kenan, four, is overcome with emotion as she thanks organisers at yesterday's press conference in London

Hiba Causevic, the wife of one of the soldiers airlifted in last week's Operation Irma evacuation, named for Irma Hadzimuratovic, the child who inspired the mission, defended the decision to fly out combatants among the wounded. She said her husband Nesad had been left paralysed for nine months by injuries sustained in the fighting. "He needed to be evacuated just as much as the children," she insisted.

The evacuees' parents issued a joint statement appealing to the British government to help ease the suffering in other besieged Bosnian towns and cities, including Mostar, where thousands of Muslims face death from starvation.

Lord Avebury, chairman of all-party parliamentary human rights group, backed their statement, saying: "We are left with no alternative but to use military force. There's a danger that by concentrating on a few cases where a single life may be saved, we shall assuage our consciences and consign tens of thousands to a lingering death. I believe we are on the brink of giving another green light to armed bullies and this is undermining the most important principle of the UN Charter."

None of the 21 people, airlifted for treatment in Britain from Sarajevo with their families nine days ago have yet left hospital. They have all been granted emergency six-month visas to stay in Britain and yesterday the Home Office said that none would be returned to Bosnia against their will. A spokesman said: "They have been admitted outside the usual immigration rules. We will not be sending anyone back to a war zone."

☐ MPs protest: A Conservative and a Labour MP yesterday wrote to the prime minister protesting that the international humanitarian relief programme was deliberately discriminating against children in Serbia. Labour's Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby) and Tory Harold Elletson (Blackpool North) urged John Major to intervene to save Serbian civilians from "a wholly avoidable humanitarian catastrophe which would disgrace the international community".

Talk of a coffee-cup state threatens Tuzla harmony

FROM TIM JUDAH IN TUZLA

It is the battle of the coffee-cup state. Talks in Geneva have adjourned and a debate is raging across what remains of government-held Bosnia. Should its predominantly Muslim population cut its losses and accept a division of the country into three ethnic mini states or fight on? The Bosnian government has promised to consult parliament and return to Geneva in a week with its reply.

If parliament accepts, the Muslim republic that remains in central Bosnia will be what they call the *Fildjan* state: it means the country the size of a Turkish coffee cup. Battered into submission, the people of Sarajevo will settle for anything, but the mood in the regions is very different.

From Travnik, a militant army is reported to be on the march to expel Croat forces from further south. And in Tuzla, 80 miles north of Sarajevo, rejectionist feeling is also running high.

"Are we close to the end of the war?" asked Selim Beslagic, the powerful mayor of Tuzla. "No way. I'm an absolute pessimist. What is on offer simply cannot provide an end to the war. Let them destroy us and it will be on the conscience of the world."

There are no cars in Tuzla. Petrol ran out months ago and most shops are bare. Industry has ground to a halt. Since Muslim and Croat forces joined in battle the roads to the south have closed and few United Nations supplies get through for refugees.

Early in the war Bosnian forces drove the Bosnian Serb army from the gates of town and now only the occasional shell hits Tuzla. Food is prohibitively expensive, but it is available.

The restaurants and cafés are open and Serbs and Croats still fight side by side with Muslims in this bit of the army that still believes in the Bosnia dream. The cancer of the Croat-Muslim war has not spread here and officials say that Tuzla will resist it.

Undefeated, unbowed and not having tasted the worst privations of war, Tuzla is standing out against the *Fildjan* state. Even those who feel it should be accepted say that it can only be a tactical move. "The future is on our side," said Osman Hukic, a businessman. "It's only half time."

There is another reason why most people in Tuzla are against accepting division. Of the regional population of about 600,000, one-third are refugees from the lost towns and razed villages of eastern Bosnia. The refugees rail against the partition plan which would prevent most of them from returning to their homes.

Of conservative peasant stock, the refugees wander the streets, the women dressed in the traditional baggy trousers of the Muslim villages. "When I go out I don't recognise anyone anymore," said Xenia, a 23-year-old medical student. "And when I wear a miniskirt they stare at me and swear and shout that I should be ashamed of myself."

Xenia fears that if the present plan is accepted the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Tuzla will be lost. It will, she says, be the *Jamahirija*: an unwanted Muslim state will be created in which there will be no future for those Serbs, Croats and children of mixed marriages who have stayed behind, and for those urban Muslims who saw themselves as Europeans first, Bosnian second and last as Muslims. She and many others insist that the Bosnian government continue to resist partition, or any settlement that would prevent the return of the refugees.

The posters proclaim that the Bosnian struggle is the fight against evil. But Tuzla is living on borrowed time. In a quiet aside a senior official, a Croat, says that he is pessimistic about the chances of Croat-Muslim harmony surviving there.

In the agonised debate that will take place this week the voice of the army must be heeded. Tuzla has survived but Andjelko Makar, a Croat, the local chief of staff is beating no war drums. "Any solution is better than continuing the war, even the division of Bosnia into three," he says gloomily. But that would mean the creation of a Muslim state and the end of everything he had fought for. "You are asking very difficult questions," said an aide. "The truth is no one knows what to do."

Azerbaijanis pull out of siege town

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AZERBAIJAN troops have pulled out of a key town near the Iranian border in another victory for Armenian forces from the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Spokesmen for both the Azerbaijan defence ministry and the Karabakh administration said yesterday that the defenders withdrew overnight from Fizuli, a town of 40,000 people under siege for days by Armenians occupying the hills on three sides.

The latest victory brought the Armenians closer to cutting off the entire southwestern corner of Azerbaijan, home to some 200,000 people, and risked angering neighbouring Iran.

The Iranian border is just 15 miles from Fizuli and the fighting has sent tens of thousands of refugees fleeing towards it. Iran denounced the Armenian offensive last week, saying it believed in the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

Fizuli is the third big town just outside Nagorno-Karabakh seized by the Armenians in recent weeks, after Agdam to the east and Cebrayil further south. The Azerbaijanis say they recaptured Cebrayil at the weekend.

Demonstrators have meanwhile ousted a pro-Iranian warlord from the capital of his self-proclaimed "republic" in southern Azerbaijan.

Hospitals were reported to be inundated with casualties from the fighting between supporters and opponents of Alikram Gumbatov, a retired army colonel who had declared the Talysh-Mugan Autonomous Republic near the border with Iran. The acting president, Geidar Aliev, said on nationwide television that Mr Gumbatov had fled Lenkoran, a city of 126,000 on the Caspian Sea about 130 miles south of Baku, the capital. Mr Gumbatov's whereabouts were unknown,



and there was speculation that he may have taken refuge in Iran.

An estimated 10,000 protesters had gathered over the weekend outside Mr Gumbatov's headquarters in Lenkoran to demand his removal. Mr Aliev said Mr Gumbatov's gunmen opened fire on the crowd, which stormed the building and forced him to flee for his life.

The Azerbaijani Popular Front, a coalition of political parties that organized the protest, said there were many casualties. But neither the Popular Front nor officials in Baku gave a specific death toll. Mr Gumbatov commanded an estimated 3,000 men and 80 armoured vehicles.

Lithuania increases pressure on Moscow

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

LITHUANIA has announced that it may seek help from outside to increase pressure on Russian troops to leave the country. The move came as relations between Moscow and Vilnius worsened in the run-up to next week's deadline for the the withdrawal.

President Brazauskas cancelled a meeting with President Yeltsin in Moscow, describing it as "inappropriate" and called for an end to wrangles over the withdrawal, saying: "Russia is not fulfilling its international obligations on the withdrawal and it must take all the responsibility."

He went on: "I think that we should invite a third party, whether it is another country or a foreign organisation, to help us solve this problem." He was responding to a sharply worded Russian statement which said that the evacuation of the remaining 2,500 troops would go ahead "at a time convenient to the Russian Federation". The statement made clear that Lithuania would have no say in the timing and said that Moscow would react "swiftly, practically and decisively" if its troops suffered any intimidation.

However, it is difficult to see what punitive action Moscow could invoke, since 28,000 troops have left Lithuania. Those remaining are mostly technical specialists, auxiliary staff and officers. The row, as so often in relations between Moscow and Vilnius since the end of Soviet rule, seems to be symbolic more than practical, with Mr Brazauskas's threat to invoke outside help meant to put pressure on Moscow rather than being a serious suggestion.

The operation is being impeded by domestic pressures on both Mr Yeltsin and Mr Brazauskas. The Russian president perceives foreign policy towards the former Soviet states as one of the most fertile areas in which parliamentary conservatives can gather support against him, while Mr Brazauskus is anxious not to be accused of pandering to Moscow and keen to show that his "realistic-moderate" approach to relations with Russia can bear fruit.

☐ Pact agreed: Mr Yeltsin and Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, agreed at a meeting in Moscow yesterday to sign a wide-ranging co-operation pact between their two countries. *(AFP)*

Peacekeepers facing profiteer enquiry

FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

THE United Nations has ordered a new investigation into allegations that peacekeeping troops in Sarajevo are more deeply involved in black marketeering than had been suspected, a UN official said yesterday.

So far, 13 Ukrainian peacekeepers have been sent home for offences connected with war profiteering.

General Francis Briquemont, commander of UN troops in Bosnia, had called in a UN civilian police team to investigate allegations made by local people and journalists. Lieutenant Colonel Tricia Purves, for the UN Protection Force, said the team would arrive this week.

She gave no details of the latest allegations, but the team's arrival was announced after a Ukrainian peacekeeper was sent home last week after being implicated in a scheme to sell cigarettes on the black market.

There are immense opportunities for black market profits in the besieged Bosnian capital, where a carton of cigarettes can fetch as much as DM120 (about £46) on the street.

"Our stance still is that any Unprofor involvement in any form of black marketeering, however minor, is wrong and will be stamped upon very definitely indeed," Colonel Purves said.

☐ Washington: A State Department official who specialises in Eastern Europe resigned yesterday, saying he could no longer accept American support for what he called genocide and aggression in Bosnia. Stephen Walker, 30, is the fourth official to quit in protest against the Clinton administration's approach to the conflict in the former Yugoslav republic.

The administration's policy on Bosnia has stirred dissent within the State Department. Memorandums have been sent to Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, seeking a more aggressive position on the Bosnian Serbs and against "ethnic cleansing." *(AP)*

King's heart is given a quiet reburial

FROM REUTER IN SOFIA

A HEART unearthed in a Bulgarian garden two years ago and labelled as that of King Boris was taken for reburial yesterday in a move designed to avoid political tension.

The heart, preserved in a glass jar in the central bank in Sofia, had been expected to be interred on Saturday at the Rila monastery, in southern Bulgaria, in the presence of Boris's widow, Ioanna, due to return to her homeland tomorrow for the first time since 1946. But yesterday it was taken there by the committee overseeing the search for the remains. The secret police destroyed his grave in 1954.

Tolerance for Serbs wanes in a Croatian haven of peace

*In the fourth of five articles on the ethnic minorities of eastern Europe, **Adam LeBor** reports from the village of Srpski Moravice, northeast Croatia*

FUNEREAL music of the brass band drifted down the street, echoing away into the thickly wooded hills that surround Srpski Moravice, a Serbian village on the road to the Istrian coast.

For once in former Yugoslavia, the man had died of natural causes; a heart attack had killed Milan Hajdin, 60. The black-robed Serb Orthodox priest, a rare sight in Croatia, comforted Hajdin's family. Serb and Croat mourners took their places together in the funeral procession.

The area around Srpski Moravice is a happy exception — Serbs and Croats in the region never took up arms against each other. Mixed marriages are common and here, a couple of hours' drive from Italy, Croats are traditionally more tolerant than in Dalmatia or Herzegovina. But the war has left a legacy of fear, say local Serbs. Many Serbs at the railway yard have lost their jobs, others have left the village. Young Serbs say they rarely leave their local area, because Croatian police harass them when they travel.

In theory the 200,000 or so Serbs in Croatia (excluding Serb-occupied Krajina) already have the same rights as their Croat neighbours, guaranteed by Croatia's constitution. But the day-to-day reality is different, say Serb activists and politicians, with Serbs being expelled from their flats, losing their jobs and being harassed and threatened.

In the nearby frontline town of Ogulin, sporadically shelled by Serbs in Krajina, tension is very high. Ethnic



Serbs there say they are subject to arbitrary arrest and accusations of spying by Croat police and army officers.

Croatia's Helsinki Watch committee has documented dozens of ethnic Serb families forced from their flats, often at gunpoint. About 10 per cent of Croatia's ethnic Serbs have been refused or are still waiting for citizenship, say Serb politicians, and now live in a Kafkaesque limbo, denied passports, pensions and work permits.

"Croatia has one of the most democratic constitutions in Europe, but it is not implemented," said Milan Djukic, leader of the Serbian People's Party, one of 13 ethnic Serb MPs and a vice-president of the Croatian parliament. "Citizenship is the key and we want the same rights at Croats here: housing, work and education."

But as long as their compatriots continue daily to shell Croatia's Dalmatian coast, ethnic Serbs' loyalty to Croatia will always be questioned. Like Croats still living in Serbia, Croatia's Serb minority is the historical flotsam of the Yugoslav war, stranded on the wrong side of the front lines.

"The Serbs in Croatia are caught between a hammer and an anvil," said Milorad Pupovac, of the Zagreb-based Serbian Democratic Forum. "Both sides have high expectations of their loyalty. Many Serbs have changed their names because people could recognise their ethnic identity. Members of the SDF have been publicly vilified and accused of slandering Croatia. We recognise this state and want to help stabilise it, but we were condemned as untrustworthy and worse than the Serbs in Krajina."

JFK theorists dig for gold in documentary treasure trove



Oswald: a photograph in the released documents

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

Although the release of official documents on President Kennedy's murder is not likely to produce any "smoking gun", researchers hope to uncover any links between Oswald and top CIA agents

CONSPIRACY buffs had longed for yesterday, when they at last got the chance to see the vast trove of documents, making up as many as 800,000 pages, officially compiled on the assassination of John F. Kennedy (JFK) nearly 30 years ago.

Within a few minutes of the doors opening at the National Archives in Washington, some 60 people were working feverishly at long mahogany tables under the gaze of three curators who, on request, delivered the papers in boxes still marked "secret". The room quickly took on the hushed atmosphere of an examination hall, with frenzied scribbling of notes.

Most of the scribblers, it must be admitted, were reporters trying to get a jump ahead of the opposition. "The press are looking for a quick story," said Sharon Fawcett, chief of reference services for the archives. "It will probably be later in the week when we start getting the serious historians and academics who want to delve into the records in more depth."

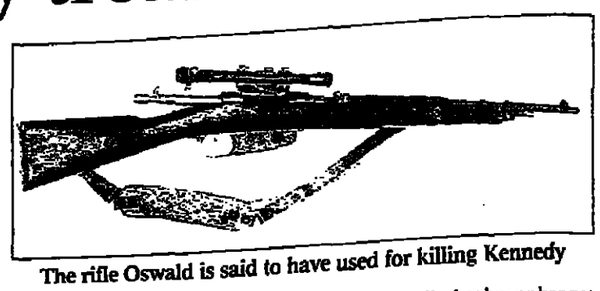
One of the first items to surface was a memo from a CIA official written five days after President Kennedy's death in Dallas in November 1963. In it the agent speculated that the assassination was instigated by the KGB to divert the attention of Soviet citizens from their internal problems and thus prolong the political life of Nikita Khrushchev, then the Soviet leader. The memo, stamped "secret", offered no real basis for this particular theory about Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin, who had defected to Moscow for a time and then returned to America.

Most of yesterday's attention was focused on 90,000 pages from CIA records. The remainder came from the Warren Commission — which did not implicate any foreign power and concluded that Oswald had acted alone — and the congressional select committee, which concluded that Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy, with a second gunman firing at him but missing. Yet other documents are from other government agencies and presidential libraries.

The files were released under the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, reluctantly signed by President Bush last year. A catalyst in persuading Congress to pass the bill was the debate provoked by Oliver Stone's controversial film *JFK*, which postulated that the US government had been involved in a huge cover-up.

Those who have toiled for years over the mysteries of the assassination believe the files will contain much of interest, but they doubt that a "smoking gun" will emerge. The theories will no doubt continue, however, because the CIA is keeping back at least 10,000 pages which it says contain information about intelligence agents whose identity still needs protection or about other confidential sources who would face "substantial risk of harm" if identified.

"They're stalling, clean and simple," said Jim Lesar, a Washington lawyer who runs the non-profit Assassination Archives and Research Centre. On the contrary, said Robert Blakey, a law professor who studied the CIA documents as staff director for the congressional investigation in 1978. "There is no smoking gun. If there was something truly earth-shaking, it would have leaked out by now."



The rifle Oswald is said to have used for killing Kennedy

One problem for researchers is the degree of duplication of documents caused by one investigation drawing on the work of another as well as the CIA files. There is no easy way to tell what has or has not been released previously.

Still, there are a variety of leads to pursue, particularly for any documents pointing to a link between Oswald and the CIA. One suggestion, from a Cuban exile, that has never been nailed down is that Oswald was seen with a man he knew as Maurice Bishop but who in fact was the late David Phillips, the man in charge of CIA covert operations in the Western hemisphere.

Nicaragua stand-off eases as the first hostages are freed

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

NICARAGUA'S dual hostage crisis appeared closer to resolution last night after rival armed groups released some prisoners and promised to let others go in return for government concessions.

A government negotiating commission reported that former Contra fighters in the north had agreed to release all their hostages, if international observers delivered their grievances to President Chamorro and gave them security by increasing their presence in the north.

Late on Sunday the first group of 20 hostages, including three government officials and 17 military officers, was released.

"There were no concessions," Francisco Mayorga, the government negotiator, insisted. "It is a question of procedure concerning their demands." He added that the government had promised to refrain from taking military action against the Contras.

The demands of Commando 3-80, a group of veteran Contra fighters who rearmed after being demobilised in 1990 as part of a national peace agreement which ended a decade-old civil war, include the resignations of General Humberto Ortega, the Sandinista army chief, and Antonio Lacayo, the presidential chief of staff and Señora Chamorro's son-in-law. Señora Chamorro is under increasing pressure to dismiss General Ortega, not just from the former Contras but also from opposition parties and the State Department in Washington.

"We hope that the government will be responsible in finding a just and permanent solution, so that we can have security to reincorporate ourselves into civilian life," Estebán Talavera, brother of José "The Jackal" Talavera, leader of Commando 3-80, said.

Last night talks continued in Managua, where pro-Sandinista gunmen were holding 16 opposition politicians, including Virgilio Godoy, the vice-president, and Alfredo César, former president of the National Assembly, in response to the kidnapping of government officials and Sandinista politicians by a right-wing guerrilla group.

The hostage takings have sparked the most serious crisis yet in President Chamorro's three years in office, prompting observers to warn that the country could be on the verge of renewed civil war. Some talk about Nicaragua becoming like Somalia, as central authority breaks down and bands of rival forces take over areas of the countryside.

The violence has been fuelled by a desperate economic situation, with 60 per cent of the working-age population



unemployed. Economic indicators now put Nicaragua alongside Haiti as the hemisphere's poorest nation. "The country cannot take any more," blasted a front-page editorial in *La Prensa*, ironically owned by the family of Señora Chamorro.

Unconfirmed reports from remote northern regions of Nicaragua suggest that other rival pro-Contra and pro-Sandinista groups are banding together and preparing to wage war. Despite the 1990 accord which ended an American-backed Contra war, clashes between government soldiers and rebel bands have become commonplace in the past 18 months. In the first half of this year, more than 100 people have been killed.

At the time of the peace accord many Contras hid their weapons in case fighting resumed. Last year alone the government destroyed 43,000 confiscated rifles, but estimates are that another 30,000 are still in "civilian" hands. Many of the rebels are Contras who were demobilised in 1990, and others are cast-offs from the Sandinista army which has been cut from 130,000 men to only 15,000.

The latest crisis began last Thursday when Commando 3-80 took hostage more than 38 members of a government peace mission, including two Sandinista members of congress and several army officers, near the remote northern town of Quilali, 150 miles from the capital.

Tension mounted the next day when, acting in retaliation, a band of pro-Sandinista gunmen calling themselves the Sovereignty and National Dignity Command, forced their way into the party headquarters of the main opposition coalition, the National Opposition Union (UNO), and took hostage 30 senior anti-Sandinista politicians.

Progress was made on Saturday with the release of 14 hostages held by the Sandinista group, but the vice-president and former assembly leader remained captive. The gunmen raised the number of hostages again on Sunday when they abducted nine journalists covering the negotiations, complaining that they were spies. One gunman went on local radio to declare: "The party is over. This is not a picnic; we are going to harden our positions."

During a tense moment when the gunmen feared government troops were preparing to storm the party offices, Señor César, dressed only in his underwear, was paraded before a window as a human shield while his captors fired a volley of warning shots into the air.

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Indian schoolchildren praying yesterday for Mother Teresa outside the Delhi hospital where she is being treated for malaria. The Nobel Peace Prize winner, who was moved to an intensive coronary care unit when she developed acute breathlessness, was in better condition yesterday, a hospital bulletin said. "Mother Teresa is better. She had a restful night and her breathlessness has been controlled," it said, adding that her condition was stable. The nun, who will be 83 on Friday, started work among the poor of Calcutta in 1949 and is regarded by her followers as a living saint. She started having difficulty breathing on Saturday night, a legacy of a long-standing heart problem, a day after being admitted to hospital with a mild fever. Mother Teresa was in Delhi to receive a peace and harmony award when she was taken ill. *(Reuter)*

Tokyo gives apology but no cash for atrocities

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

MORIHIRO Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, making his first policy speech to parliament yesterday, made a formal apology for Japan's wartime atrocities in Asia but held back from offering any compensation.

Mr Hosokawa, who rode to power on an anti-graft platform, also pledged a crackdown on political corruption.

"I would thus like to take this opportunity to express anew our profound remorse and apologies for the fact that past Japanese actions, including aggression and colonial rule, caused unbearable suffering and sorrow for so many people," Mr Hosokawa said. Japan would contribute "more than ever before to world peace", he said.

The government's new willingness to face Japan's past has already stirred demands by Asian war victims. More than 13,000 Indonesians who worked as forced labourers during the 1942-45 Japanese occupation have registered to seek compensation. Taiwanese, South Korean and Malaysian women, forced to serve as wartime prostitutes for Japanese soldiers, have said they will seek compensation by filing lawsuits in Tokyo. Mr Hosokawa made no mention of the issue of compensation, however.

Setting out government policy, Mr Hosokawa, who took office two weeks ago, said the most important issue his new government faced was the introduction of drastic steps to stamp out corruption and sever the cozy network linking big businesses, bureaucrats and influence-peddling politicians. Unwieldly multi-seat electoral districts, notorious for lavish spending by candidates, would be replaced with single-seat constituencies combined with proportional representation. Businesses would be banned from making political donations. And Mr Hosokawa promised stricter laws to punish violators of anti-graft laws.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ANC faces accusation of torture

Johannesburg: An African National Congress commission of enquiry yesterday accused ANC officials, including military chief Joe Modise, of human rights abuses in their detention camps.

Mr Modise, commander-in-chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing, and Jacob Zuma, the assistant secretary-general, were among officials accused of mistreating prisoners. The commission listed torture and summary execution among the violations.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general said the recommendations that the members named be disciplined would be studied. *(AFP)*

Britons freed

Ankara: Kurdish rebels kidnapped two British tourists from a bus in southeast Turkey but abandoned them when they came under fire from Turkish forces, a British diplomat said. *(Reuter)*

Syrian dies

Amman: Former Syrian strongman Salah Jedid, one of the world's longest-held political prisoners, has died after 23 years in captivity, friends said. *(AP)*

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Sudan accused

Washington: American intelligence reports suggest that Sudan is supplying weapons to Somali warlord Muhammad Farah Aidid, *US News and World Report* magazine said. *(Reuter)*

Warning given

Paris: Holidaymakers in France have been given another warning about vigilance after two German tourists were robbed by three men at a petrol station on the main motorway south of Lyons.

Bridge of sighs

Venice: Remorseful Venetian gondoliers clubbed together to pay back a French couple who complained that they had been charged £226 for a canal trip which should have cost £33. *(Reuter/AP)*

Mubarak struggles to rid Egypt of Nasser's socialist dream

Egyptian reforms have impressed the IMF but have not benefited the poor, writes ***Michael Binyon*** *in Cairo*

IT IS more than 20 years since Gamal Abdel Nasser died. Yet only now is Egypt emerging, slowly and painfully, from the Nasserist economic legacy: a bloated civil service, an ambitious welfare state that cannot match jobs to the numbers coming on the market and a state sector as large and inefficient as any in a former communist country.

Dismantling this legacy and opening Egypt to world markets and competition has been a priority for President Mubarak's government. It is politically sensitive, has caused riots in the past and threatens to aggravate the government's unpopularity as an impoverished lower middle class suffers the effects of rising prices of previously subsidised staples and sees social benefits slipping away.

So far Egypt has escaped much of the turmoil and dislocation price rises and privatisation have caused in East European countries. Indeed, so successful has the first tranche of reform been in 1991 that the International Monetary Fund, supervising the changes, is preparing to grant Egypt a new three-year extended agreement next month, based on its satisfaction that most economic indicators are surprisingly good, despite a twinge of concern over the effects on investment and tourism of the Muslim militants' bombings.

Inflation has fallen to about 13 per cent after running at 30 per cent for years. The deficit is coming down because oil, accounting for 70 per cent of exports, is commanding better prices. The programme of debt reduction, begun in 1991 and helped by America's debt forgiveness in gratitude for Egypt's Gulf war role, is on course. The budget deficit for the coming year is likely to show a healthy drop from 4 per cent of gross domestic product to 2.5 per cent. Reserves stand at $15 billion (£9.9 billion), an all-time high.

Such figures are fine for the IMF. They have ensured that the Egyptian pound has maintained its value against the dollar and that remittances from Egyptians overseas, now running at an impressive $5 billion a year, are banked in Egypt and not deposited in Switzerland or Saudi Arabia.

For the Cairo government there are other, more worrying, statistics. For almost two years there has been virtually



Nasser: wanted better chance for everybody

no economic growth. Non-oil exports are stagnant. The privatisation programme has merely tinkered with a few small state holdings. Bureaucracy is still a stifling brake on development.

The real difficulty for Mr Mubarak is that having bitten the bullet of price rises, he has yet to show any benefits to ordinary people. The government was careful not to tamper with the price of bread, a product of huge symbollic and emotional significance to the ordinary *fellah* as well as the Cairo slumdweller. A pita remains five piastres, about one penny. Subsidies remain on cooking oil, sugar and paraffin, but have gone on tea, fish and meat. But although the first round of price rises did not trigger riots, they have spread discontent among the poor.

Overshadowing all improvements in the economy is the inexorable rise in the population, now approaching 60 million. Cairo, with its sprawling shanty towns, is already 15 million. The job market cannot keep pace, and massive unemployment, especially graduate unemployment, is the government's greatest worry. The birth rate is falling, but not fast enough.

Nasser's socialist dream of a better chance for his 25 million citizens was widely shared. There is no hope of an economic reform that could ever offer the same security and opportunities to a population more than twice the size. "People don't feel better off, and blame the IMF," one Western economist said. "So far, Egypt has done well without clobbering the poor. But even a 5 per cent growth rate would not address the long-term problem. That is not something economists can solve."

Storm over US haven for Iraqis

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE US administration is considering allowing 4,000 former Iraqi soldiers and their families to emigrate to America at a cost of $70 million (£47 million) in an unwelcome twist to Washington's "victory" in the Gulf war.

The soldiers, who are prisoners of war in Saudi Arabian refugee camps, claim that if they returned to Iraq they would be considered traitors and face execution. Under American federal refugee guidelines relating to PoWs, the threat of persecution makes the soldiers eligible for asylum. So far 1,000 Iraqi prisoners have been allowed into America at a cost to the taxpayer of $23 million.

Congressmen have expressed outrage at the possibility of a further Iraqi influx. Seventy-five members of the House of Representatives said the issue "raised a series of questions concerning our national security". They wrote to President Clinton: "We feel it is not wise to continue this policy that could eventually threaten the safety of our citizens and government officials." The Immigration and Naturalisation Service is checking the background of the soldiers.

Chorus of praise for British when White House burned

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A LETTER discovered in the archives of the Massachusetts Historical Society shows that when the British put Washington to the torch in 1814 the destruction was not merely tolerated by some Americans but actively applauded.

The letter, written by Martha Washington Peter, the First Lady's granddaughter and a staunch federalist, notes that, when British troops marched into the capital and set fire to the Capitol and the White House 179 years ago today, at least part of the population was delighted.

"Our generous enemy have gone off with the blessings instead of the execrations of the inhabitants," Peter wrote at the time. "For being thrown on their mercy we are truly thankful."

During the War of 1812, President Madison favoured the French, while John Adams and the federalists supported the British. Peter commends the British soldiery for sparing private property and mocks Madison for running away "with such speed that many lost their lives through the heat and dust and the president was not heard of for two days".

Only one privately owned house was destroyed, Peter writes, and then only because "a worthless hairdresser fired at General Ross and shot his horse under him ... they would not have set fire to the Capitol but for this circumstance".

Her description of the British invaders is glowing. "After burning the Capitol, the British between 11 and 12 the same night proceeded to the president's house — they went all through it and finding a silver cup — and some wine, they filled, and said they would drink a toast, Peace with America, and *down* with Madison. They then burnt the house and the Treasury Office and the next morning burnt the War Office."



Madison: scorned for running from British

She concludes her pro-British encomium, sent to Thomas Pickering of Philadelphia, formerly John Adam's Secretary of State, with the thought that the fledgeling republic would be better off without such ostentatious buildings as the Capitol and White House. "As *republics* have no business with *palaces* — the [future] accommodation will *perhaps* be more in character."

Peter was well-known as a staunch anglophile and opponent of Madison, according to Osborne Mackie, director of Tudor Place, Peter's estate in Georgetown. The 18th-century property was purchased by the Peters with money inherited from George Washington and is open to the public. "We did know she lived and breathed federalism," Mr Mackie told *The Washington Post*. "She named their estate Tudor Place because they were so pro-British and idolised its Tudor dynasty."

RAF's U-boat victim rises from watery grave after 48 years

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

■ *Survivors from a sunken German submarine watched as it was raised from the waves. Despite their doubts, hopes persist of valuable papers or Nazi loot on board*

A GERMAN U-boat depth-charged by the Royal Air Force in the last days of the second world war was finally brought to the surface yesterday morning after 48 years on the Danish seabed. The lifting marked the end of an overnight operation involving a Danish-Dutch consortium financed by a local publisher.

The final raising of the U 534 had been delayed by high winds that made it impossible for cranes to lift the vessel, which sank 13 miles north of the Danish island of Anholt in the Kattegat at the Baltic's mouth. Dutch salvage experts and Danish naval personnel hoped to open the 230ft vessel later yesterday before transferring it to a submersible barge.

The U-boat was initially raised to its original operational waterline without any oil spillage. During yesterday afternoon a pumping operation made the vessel lighter so that it could be lifted on to the off-shore barge. Work will then begin to remove the estimated six tonnes of ammunition, including 15 torpedos, believed still to be on board. Smit Tak, the Dutch marine salvage experts, and Danish divers are undertaking the project.

The U 534 was sunk by a British Liberator bomber on May 5, 1945, in one of the last actions of the war. The submarine had earlier slipped out of Kiel in an attempt to escape from the advancing allied forces in the confused last days of hostilities in Europe. The U 534, an IX C 40 type built in 1942, was an ocean-going vessel with a range of more than 11,000 miles. Rumours that it was carrying treasure when it went down are mainly based on the fact that its class was designed for long trans-oceanic hauls and that it belonged to the 33rd flotilla, whose main task was to transport valuable cargo to Japan, Germany's ally.

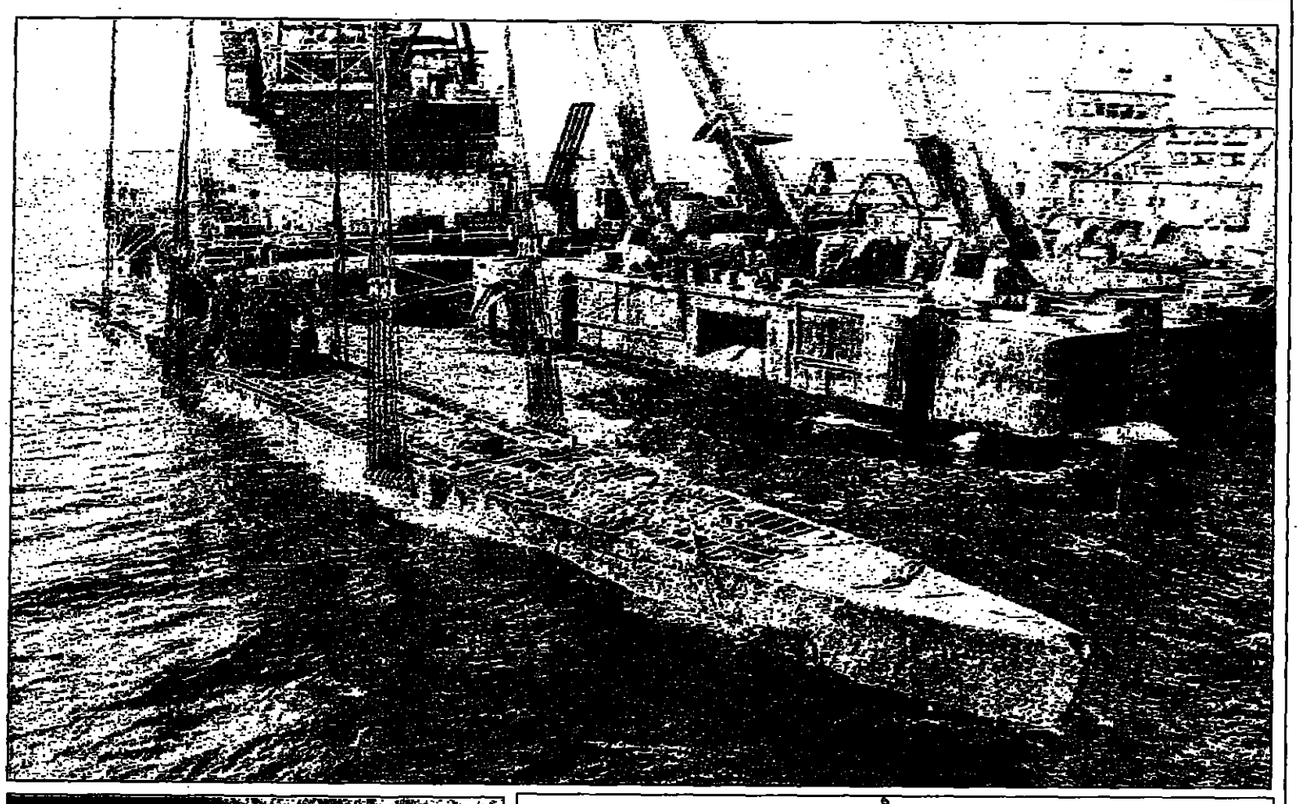
Other 33rd flotilla submarines which were either seized or surrendered were found to be carrying valuable cargo and documents hidden in specially modified compartments. Jonathan Wardlow, a spokesman for the project, said: "We are pretty sure to find 50,000 cigarettes in tin containers, the entire crew ration, 16 tonnes of provisions and 15 torpedos. On possible treasure, it is impossible to comment at this stage, but there could be important Nazi documents, war loot or even the remains of high-ranking Germans on board."

Four veteran German survivors of the U 534's last voyage attending the lifting in Denmark have expressed serious scepticism about the possibility of finding any gold, valuable treasure or bodies on board. Also on the scene of the lifting are three Australians and a Briton, members of the crew of the Scottish-based Liberator, one of two on the raid, that sank the submarine.

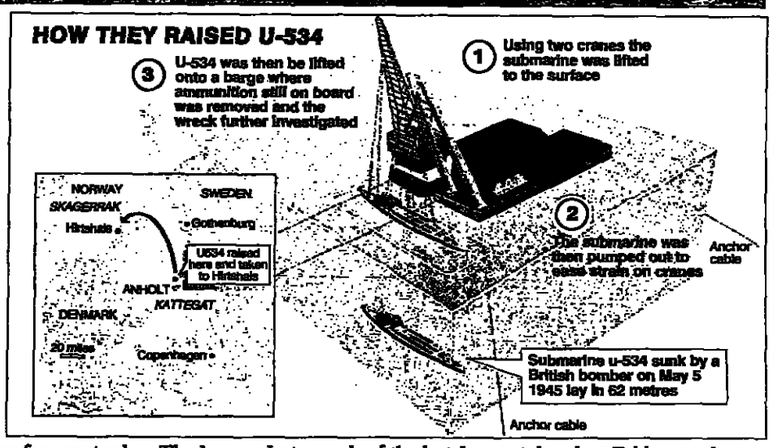
Ordered not to dive because of the danger of mines, U 534 had to fight for its surface position. The first British Liberator overshot the boat, was hit and ditched in Danish waters. There were no survivors. The second British attack, using four depth charges, sank the U 534. The boat's crew of 52 managed to abandon ship. Most of them survived, but three died of exposure and their injuries. The U-boat itself was rediscovered in 1986.

"The muzzle and barrels of the submarine's anti-aircraft gun broke the surface first," Mr Wardlaw said. "The conning tower has suffered extensive damage from fishing trawls after 48 years on the seabed. The forward torpedo hatch, from which five members of the crew escaped, gapes open."

He added that the boat was in "fantastic shape, much better than we ever could have expected". He said the vessel would be transported within a week by barge to the Danish North Sea port of Hirtshals in north Jutland, where a team of conservation experts would begin the long task of registering its contents. The U-boat is eventually to be put on permanent exhibition in a submarine museum in Denmark.







A giant floating crane, top, bringing the U 534 to the surface yesterday. The lower photograph of the hatchway, taken last Friday on the seabed where the boat has lain since being depth-charged by an RAF Liberator in May 1945, testifies to its remarkably good condition

Balladur sets out to repair battered Paris-Bonn axis

As Europe's leaders return to work ***Roger Boyes*** *in Bonn looks at the state of the Franco-German relationship in a changing continent*

CHARLES de Gaulle once remarked that treaties were "like girls and roses — they each have their day".

This week Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, will venture across the Rhine to prove that the Franco-German treaty is more than a drooping bloom or arthritic maiden, a special relationship whose day has passed.

There is no doubting the political significance of the meeting — it takes a great deal to persuade Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to call an early end to his summer slimming cure — but whether the two leaders can breathe new life into the fabled relationship remains to be seen.

The nagging doubts about the future of the *ménage à deux* also prompt questions about Britain's role. Should it exploit the many strains and frictions in the Paris-Bonn axis? If so, how? And should it do so in the purely British interest or to serve a future, alternative vision of Europe?

Since Konrad Adenauer's days these questions have not really been posed by British decision-makers. Rather British policy has chugged along on the comfortable assumption that Franco-German friendship was, broadly speaking, better than Franco-German enmity. Naturally the Rhine axis also translated into Franco-German leadership of Europe, and this jarred in Britain. Little, however, has been done about this. Margaret Thatcher used quietly to share a grumble with President Mitterrand about the Germans but this — in the strange way of difficult marriages — tended to strengthen rather than sap the Franco-German union. Despite the anti-German rhetoric then seeping out from under the door at No 10 — Nicholas Ridley's *Spectator* interview is now a subject of study at German universities — the Foreign Office stayed even-handed towards Paris and Bonn; there really was no choice.

Now there may just be a choice. Certainly an influential part of the German press is convinced that Britain is stirring up things with a view to forging an Anglo-French axis. The Balkan experts of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and *Die Welt* dailies regularly accuse Britain and France (but especially Britain) of perfidy in Bosnia. Other commentators frame their arguments in almost 19th-century terms: Britain and France are being drawn together, they say, because they want to stop Germany's expansion towards the east.



Balladur: shares with Kohl a lack of vision

How far these newspaper critics reflect the view of German leadership is uncertain. But there is no escaping the fact that Herr Kohl feels some personal hurt about French behaviour over the past two years. The chancellor wanted to make his historical mark — like Adenauer and Helmut Schmidt — as a great Franco-German conciliator. He felt let down by President Mitterrand's initially suspicious attitude to unification and the over-formal tone of their conversation since 1990. Yet many of the chancellor's staff are married to French women and a key speech writer, Michael Mertes, is a francophile and many believe that France is the only foreign country that the Rhinelander Herr Kohl understands.

M Balladur has staked his political future on reducing unemployment in France. But his long catalogue of measures misses the main point — the need for lower interest rates — on the ground that it is out of his hands, and apparently those of Herr Kohl, too. Last week Herr Schmidt castigated Herr Kohl for allowing the Bundesbank to set a pace for the Franco-German partnership. And that is perhaps the nub of the matter: the partnership has always needed two strong political leaders willing to take risks, to find a vision that transcends the interest rate conflict or introspective recession politics. Both politicians, however, are enfeebled. The best that Herr Kohl can hope for from France is flanking support as he enters a long year of elections. The first gift from the French could perhaps be backing for a German-based and German-led European central bank.

The British line is that these frictions do not yet provide a defining moment. Choices are being made but only on specific issues. Britain sides with France (and is in daily contact) on most matters relating to the Bosnian war. Britain, like France, is impatient with the Bundesbank. It works well with Paris on UN Security Council issues. It is closer, however, to Germany on other security matters (Nato, West European Union, the need to keep US troops in Europe), on free trade and on extending the Community eastwards. Europe since the fall of communism has become a more fluid place that makes the rather plodding German-French partnership look like a relic of the Cold War.

To try to replace the German-French relationship with an Anglo-French or Anglo-German entente would therefore miss the point. A substantial chunk of the political class in Europe is coming round to the view that Maastricht ends a chapter, exhausts a process that began with the Treaty of Rome and perhaps reached its peak with the Single European Act. Now some new cartography is urgently required.

French cabinet recalled

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur's 29 ministers cut short their summer breaks yesterday to attend a special cabinet meeting at the Mâtignon. The French prime minister has portrayed the gathering as symbolic of his determination to overcome the nation's economic and social problems.

Unemployment, the run on the franc, Franco-German relations, immigration and the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (Gatt) negotiations were the main issues. M Balladur said he hoped that the *rentrée* would mark a new and vibrant departure for his administration.

But few analysts expect him to announce significant policy changes, although income tax on the middle classes will probably be eased slightly in an effort to boost consumption. M Balladur remains committed to the "strong franc" despite pressure from industrialists and deputies within the government parties to reduce interest rates.

Last week Michel Giraud, the labour minister, launched a five-year jobs plan, reducing taxes on employers, freezing the level of social security contributions and allowing more flexible working hours. Critics said the blueprint was not radical enough to have an impact on joblessness. Unemployment is set to reach a record 12.5 per cent by the end of the year.

M Balladur will travel tomorrow to Bonn, where Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, is expected to try to persuade him to soften France's stance on agriculture in the Gatt negotiations.

Ciampi faces hot autumn

FROM REUTER IN ROME

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, returned to work after the summer holiday yesterday with the threat of unemployment and possible social unrest uppermost in his mind.

Unions and employers have told him that the problem is worsening, especially in the south. Some ministers have talked about a "hot autumn".

Signor Ciampi aims to present a package of job-stimulating measures to his economic ministers at a meeting on Thursday, officials said. They will form a key complement to the 1994 budget bill with its expected 28 trillion lire (£12.5 billion) in spending cuts which Signor Ciampi hopes to send to parliament early next month.

Among the ideas under consideration is an acceleration of public works, including a $27 billion high-speed railway, Italy's biggest construction project since the second world war. The package was proposed last year by Giuliano Amato, the previous prime minister, but never implemented because of repercussions from the bribery scandal.

Unemployment is likely to become Signor Ciampi's main concern, analysts say. A study last week by the employers' organisation, Confindustria, predicted record jobless levels this year.

It said unemployment could rise to 12.2 per cent from 11.5 in 1992, with the effect being felt mostly in the poorer south, where three times as many people are out of work than in the north.

The financial newspaper *Il Sole 24-Ore*, owned by Confindustria has predicted that about 750,000 jobs will disappear this year as the economy stagnates and austerity measures take their toll.

Signor Ciampi has shown how important he regards labour relations by personally ramming through a long-awaited accord with the unions in July, which regulates pay-bargaining procedures for the next few years. The need to build on that success by boosting jobs looks likely however to complicate his task of bringing down the huge budget deficit, economists say.

Kohl meets SPD rival amid talk of grand coalition

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, was meeting his chief opponent yesterday amid talk that a grand coalition might be necessary to lift Germany out of the economic doldrums and set its course as a world power.

The meeting, officially a chance for Rudolf Scharping, the new Social Democratic leader, to acquaint himself with Herr Kohl's position on various issues, is seen as kicking off a political season culminating with federal elections in October next year. In addition to choosing a national parliament, Germany will pick a president, state governments and members of the European Parliament next year.

Johannes Rau, the Social Democrat state premier of North Rhine-Westphalia, has reportedly agreed to stand for the presidency when Richard von Weizsäcker steps down after two five-[illegible] is largely apolitical but is generally in the gift of the ruling party. *Der Spiegel* said yesterday the choice of Herr Rau suggested the Social Democratic Party (SPD) was setting its sights on power. "The SPD leadership believes parts of the CDU will support Rau in the expectation of a grand coalition after the 1994 election," it said.

The latest polls show fewer than two-thirds of voters would choose Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) or the Social Democrats. If neither party were strong enough to form a government by itself, the two might rule together, as they did from 1966 to 1969. Herr Scharping said a grand coalition was "to be avoided at all costs" and Herr Kohl said the notion, floated as a possibility by Günter Verheugen, the Social Democratic Party's chairman, three weeks ago, was "evidence the SPD lacks a programme of its own".

For most of the postwar period, the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats have governed separately but in coalitions with the small but powerful Free Democratic Party, which has swung between the two. But if unemployment, now 15.3 per cent in the east and 7.5 per cent in the west, rises as much as predicted, voters might not give either party enough votes to govern with the Free Democrats.

"Voters will be left powerless," said a *Bild am Sonntag* commentator. "The more they punish the big parties for bad politics, the more likely it is that they will govern together. It is a dream for politicians and a nightmare for voters."

The Social Democrats oppose Herr Kohl's plans to slash social welfare programmes, but have moved closer to him on previously contentious issues such as sending German soldiers abroad and law-and-order issues. Herr Scharping supports deploying German troops in United Nations peacekeeping missions and wants to lift restrictions on bugging rooms and telephone tapping in order to fight organised crime.

Herr Rau made no public comment on his run for the presidency, but this was expected since the office is considered too venerable for public campaigning. The *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, which is based in Herr Rau's home region, said he told the Social Democrats that he would run after a decision by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the former foreign minister, not to stand.

Herr Rau, a candidate for chancellor in 1987, has a reputation as a bridge-builder. He enjoys wide respect among the Christian Democrats. The daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung* suggested the Social Democrats could threaten to put up Herr Rau in a contested election, believing Herr Kohl would concede rather than see a less popular Christian Democrat candidate rejected in a vote by delegates from both houses of parliament.



Two cheers for Britain's milky monopoly

So, farewell then, Milk Marketing Board. The Queen has now given her assent to your abolition by statute, and soon you will be no more.

Should we weep, or should we cheer? If you were a pantomime cow, we'd all hiss you. Your front half is a monopoly (loud hiss for controlling the entire market supply), your hindquarters a monopsony (even louder hiss for being the sole buyer).

And yet . . . What's this they're saying about how your demise will mean the death of the doorstep pinta and that milk and cheese will cost us more? And that we shall find ourselves in the same boat as many consumers on the Continent who have to drink that filthy UHT stuff because fresh milk is rarely available? And what's this about luscious British milk having some of its cream forcibly removed in order to be "standardised" down to the level produced by the average Euro-cow on its inferior Euro-grass?



MARGOT NORMAN

Do I detect the presence onstage of that old villain, the Beast of Brussels? Indeed I do, and for that reason, I can muster only two cheers for the manner in which the Milk Monopoly-Monopsony Board is being dismantled. Farmers, consumers, dairy companies, processors and retailers would all cheer together if only it were being dismantled into a free market. Thanks to Brussels, it is not.

Britain has an artificial milk shortage because our milk quota allows us to produce only 85 per cent of demand. Yet milk from Britain and Denmark is regarded as the champagne of Euro-milk, partly because of our grass, and partly because the 60-year reign of the Milk Marketing Board has brought us the highest standards of quality-control, hygiene and distribution.

However, whether consumers choose to give their friendly franchisee milkman a living, or whether they prefer to lug cartons from the store has little to do with the MMB or its successor, Milk Marque.

The same applies to UHT milk. Brussels expected British dairy farmers to follow the continental model and form co-operatives with manufacturers, rather than with other farmers. Such an arrangement does tend to favour long-life products. The British, however, have a tradition of liking their milk fresh.

Anyway, British dairy farmers are not choosing the continental model. When the Dairy Trade Federation, the dairies' and creameries' organisation, sent out a questionnaire, virtually all who replied said they would join Milk Marque, being set up by the MMB to function as much like its old self as possible.

The MMB was a highly successful co-operative that managed a £2.4 billion industry while retaining, on the whole, its popularity with producers and consumers alike.

Britain expanded production on entering the EC, only to be forced to put on the brakes when quotas began in 1984. The board realised that its sell-by date was approaching, and so had plenty of time to get itself in shape for privatisation.

Privatisaton is happening on its own terms, precise details of which will not be published until next month. We know, though, that Dairy Crest (which bought a quarter of Britain's liquid milk) will be floated to the profit of its farmer shareholders, and that MMB headquarters is rapidly shedding staff.

We trust that the board's central testing equipment and staff will be kept separate as a consumer-protection measure. And we can only hope that the private monopoly emerging to replace the statutory one will be kept in line by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Everything in the milking parlour could be lovely if only the market were free. When the MMB's demise was announced, lower prices and more milk for home-produced cheeses were promised by the EC. How can that be, when Brussels is creating a shortage? And as for "standardised" milk, words fail me. Consumers unite: when you see the word "standardised"' on a carton, dash it to the floor and hiss loudly.

Chess or a childhood?

Fred Waitzkin had a private reason for asking Kasparov how hard a talented youngster should be pushed



Garry Kasparov with his wife Maria: "I have regrets. But when I was very young I knew that chess would be my profession."

In October 1989, I attended a party for Kasparov in the apartment, in upper east side New York, of Olga Capablanca, the widow of the former world champion, José Raúl Capablanca. This unusual place was crammed with chess players and patrons of the game who hoped for a handshake and a word with the present champion.

Kasparov, who earlier in the evening had easily beaten the 15-year-old prodigy Gata Kamsky in an exhibition, spoke earnestly to Mrs Capablanca. She was nearly 90 and sported red lipstick and a faded flowing gown, worn to wonderful parties long ago. Doubtless, they exchanged words about Capablanca. Olga sometimes said, coquettishly, that buried in her papers she kept a masterpiece that had never been published, a private game played in the 1930s between her husband and a top grandmaster of that time: a Rembrandt hidden in her closet.

Like Garry, Capablanca had been a prodigy, known for his uncanny intuitive play and lightning-fast vision of the board. There were other similarities, too. Capablanca had been a moody man and, according to his wife, had a talent not only for seeing deeply into a chess position, but also for correctly predicting events in the future. Kasparov prided himself on the ability to predict political developments.

They talked for quite a while. Mrs Capablanca held Kasparov's hand, and they seemed to be measuring one another, the champion perhaps looking for intimations of his future, the lady for a fresh scent of the past. I knew that she would tell Kasparov about the afternoon almost 60 years before when she had berated another world champion, Alexander Alekhine, Kasparov's favourite player, for refusing to give her frustrated husband a rematch after taking the championship from him ten years before. I wondered if the world champion would find her story quaint or disturbing.

Kasparov had been in New York for several days before the exhibition and party. I had hoped to interview him, but each time I had called his manager, Andrew Page, at the Regency Hotel, he had put me off. I approached him at the party and asked for an hour in the world champion's schedule. Page's eyelids drooped, weary of journalists asking him for Kasparov interviews. "They all think that they are so bright, that their point of view is bold and sparkling, but they all ask the same boring questions," he told me some time later, in his English drawl.

He explained that it would be impossible to talk to Garry during this trip. The champion was much too tired, and tomorrow they would be flying off to Europe. His demeanour reflected the weariness of living the high life, too many five-course meals, too many Concorde flights sipping champagne.

Oxford-educated, suave, handsome and eloquent, Andrew Page at that moment came across as slick, smart and unreflective. Over time, though, I learnt that he was thoughtful and often stopped in his tracks by self-doubt. Whereas Kasparov is set in his points of view like granite, Page is buffeted by his own keen sense of irony — indeed, he sometimes appears amused by his own whimsicality. Perhaps that is what makes their close relationship viable.

Just when I was thinking that here was someone who controlled a piece of greatness and wasn't going to dole it out, Page's musical voice stopped me in my tracks. "Why don't you have a word or two with him now, while he is standing around?" At that moment, Kasparov had finished with his conversation with Olga Capablanca and was approaching us, looking haggard at the end of his long day, signalling Page that he was ready to leave.

It was difficult for me to introduce myself. Where to begin after so many years of thinking about chess world champions, and wondering particularly what Garry Kasparov might have to say about Bobby Fischer and whether he regretted having devoted his own childhood to the game — questions that were at the centre of my life. But mainly, I felt afraid of him.

"Do you recall that two years ago you had a simultaneous exhibition in the South Bronx?" A clumsy beginning. Of course he remembered: he remembered everything. Kasparov tensed with impatience or perhaps with the anticipation of another person he didn't know asking for something: an autograph, an interview, a chunk of his time for a worthy cause. "My son was the 11-year-old who drew against you."

"Your son is Josh?" he said, suddenly interested. "You should have come right over." I was dumbstruck. How could he have recalled my son's name from a 20-second conversation and a handshake two years before?

We left the party together and spoke for perhaps 15 minutes. What struck me most during our first meeting was the powerful draw of his concentration. For the most part, I asked him about Kamsky, the 15-year-old defector from the Soviet Union whom he had beaten in two games a few hours before. Kamsky's life was entirely dominated by his father's dream for him to become world chess champion. This remarkably gifted teenager was not allowed to go to school, so that he could study chess 12 hours a day. His progress had been stunning.

I asked: "Does a father have a right to ask his young son to study all the time, to give his childhood to chess?"

"It is a kind of risk," he said. "Later you regret the lost childhood. I have regrets. But when I was very young I knew that chess would be my profession. I felt that there was no choice and my mother said okay. I needed chess like a drug."

Kasparov's face was flushed with emotion. "You must ask your kid," he said, wiping aside the pretence that my primary interest was journalistic, a story I was writing about this other boy. "It's up to Josh. If he feels very strongly about it, he will do it. For some, chess is stronger than the sense of childhood."

● *An extract from* Mortal Games, The Turbulent Genius of Garry Kasparov, *by Fred Waitzkin, Simon & Schuster. £16.99. © 1993 Fred Waitzkin.*

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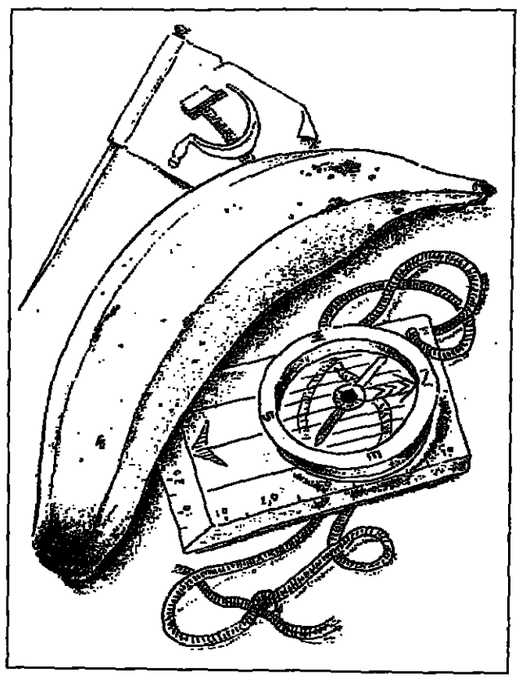
Our hero is forced to paddle his own canoe in the Soviet Union. As the nation throws off the yolk of communism, his emergency rations are purloined . . . Sue Townsend continues her comic tale

Wednesday July 3rd
Rang my travel agent. Told her I want two weeks in Europe in a four star hotel with half board, but for no more than £300. She promised to ring back if anything turned up in Albania. I said: "Not Albania, I hear the food is inaudible." After I'd put the phone down, I remembered that the word for food is, of course, "inedible". I hope I'm not suffering from an early onset of senile dementia.

Friday July 5th
The travel agent rang today. She said: "I must book it *now* if you want it."
I said: "Book what?"
She said: "Your holiday. A week on the Russian Lakes and rivers, and a week in Moscow. A fortnight for £299.99, full board."

Thursday August 13th
I leave for Russia on Thursday. I bought myself a new toiletry bag — it's time I treated myself.
I spent the evening packing. I decided not to take any books. I expect there will be a library on the ship, well stocked with the classics of Russian literature in good translations.
I decided to include a huge bunch of semi-ripe bananas amongst my luggage. I am used to eating a banana a day and I have heard they are in short supply in Russia.

Saturday August 7th
RIVER CAMP — RUSSIA
It is 7.30pm. There is no cruise ship. There are no passengers. Each member of our party is paddling their own canoe. I am crouched inside a two-man tent. Outside are swarms of huge, black mosquitoes. With a bit of luck, I will die in my sleep.
The man I have been sharing my tent with, Leonard Clifton, is out chopping trees down with a machete.
On my return to civilisation, I will sue Foreign Parts for every penny they've got. At no time did they mention that I would be paddling a canoe, sleeping in a tent, or drinking water from the river.
10.00pm. TENT.
Capsized eleven times. The rest of the hearties were furious. It is all right for them. They are all members of the British Canoe Union.
I thank God that we are nearly at our journey's end.



The mosquitoes have attacked my face unmercifully. I look like the Elephant Man on acid.

Wednesday August 21st
MOSCOW TRAIN
The lavatory on the train defies description. However, I'll try. After all, I am a novelist.
Imagine that 20 buffalo with loose bowels have been trapped inside the lavatory for two weeks.

Thursday August 22nd
HOTEL — MOSCOW
For breakfast this morning I had a piece of black bread, four slices of beetroot, a sprig of fresh coriander and a cup of cold, black tea.
I think fondly about the bunch of bananas upstairs in my room.
At 9.30am, most of our group gathered in the foyer of the hotel ready to start our visit to Red Square. I lurked behind a pillar, dabbing TCP onto the mosquito bites which disfigured my face.
When we got to the Square, it became obvious that a demonstration of some kind was taking place. I heard an ominous rumbling behind me, but was unable to move. Then the crowd parted and the rumbling grew nearer and the tracks of a Russian army tank clanked past an inch away from my right shoe.
The tank stopped and a young man clambered aboard and began to wave a flag. It was the hammer and sickle flag I'd been used to seeing everywhere. The crowd roared its approval. What was happening?
A young woman who wore too much blue eyeshadow said to me: "Englishman, today you have witnessed the end of Communism."
"I nearly got run over by a tank," I said.
"A proud death," she said. I reached into my pocket for a banana to boost my blood-sugar level. I started to peel it. The young woman's eyes filled with tears. I offered her a bite, but she shouted: "Bananas for all under Yeltsin!" The crowd began to chant. Then the young woman ate my banana.
"A symbolic gesture, of course," she said.

Friday August 23rd
I lay awake most of the night, scratching at my mosquito bites.
The next day the streets were full of rioting Muscovites. After lunch, I returned to my room to find that my bananas had gone. I was outraged.
I complained to our guide Natasha, but she only said: "You had *ten* bananas?" She looked misty-eyed and then snapped: "You should, of course, have put them in the hotel safe. They will be changing hands on the black market by now."

Monday September 2nd
OXFORD
I have written to Foreign Parts, threatening to report them to ABTA unless I receive *all* my money back, plus compensation for the double trauma suffered from the mosquitoes and the revolution.

Saturday September 7th
I passed Foreign Parts. There was a note on the door: "This business is closed. All enquiries to Churchman, Churchman, Churchman and Luther, Solicitors."
A middle-aged couple were taking the number down. They were due to depart tomorrow on a cycling holiday in "Peter Mayle Country", Provence. They were facing the awful realisation that they were not going to see the famous table or the infamous terrace, or take tea with Pierre Mayle plus *femme*.
As the couple walked away, I heard her say to him: "Cheer up, Derek, there's always the caravan at Ingoldmells." A fine woman, indomitable in the face of disaster. Mr Mayle has been cheated of meeting a true Brit.

TOMORROW: Mole in love

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Recent cases of sexual misconduct emphasise the fact that intimate examinations are almost never essential, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

When the doctor should not touch

Last Wednesday Dr Edwart Asirifi, of Clapham Manor health centre (my local doctor, incidentally), was found guilty of performing long and unnecessary breast and internal examinations on six female patients and banned from practising in the NHS. It now seems inevitable he will be struck off the Medical Register when he is summoned before the General Medical Council later this year.

Though Dr Asirifi's misdemeanors have been well substantiated, there is considerable uncertainty about what does constitute a "necessary" intimate examination, with the implication that they are performed too readily.

The experience of one of the complainants against Dr Asirifi is illuminating. This 44-year-old woman visited the surgery with symptoms of cystitis, expecting to be asked for a urine sample and to be given some antibiotics. To her surprise, Dr Asirifi insisted on a vaginal examination: "I lay on the couch, he was laughing. I realised he was getting sexual satisfaction from it. At one point I said in my most authoritative voice 'What exactly is it you are looking for?' He gave me a medical explanation which I now know was totally spurious." Do doctors perform too many internal examinations (or breast or rectal examinations) without thinking through the reasons for doing so?

Consider, for example, a woman suspected of having an ectopic pregnancy because she has lower abdominal pain and has missed a period. Many doctors would say an internal examination is essential to establish the diagnosis, but others would disagree. The woman will obviously have to be referred to hospital, where an obstetrician will repeat the internal, so it seems unfair she should be submitted to it twice.

Anyhow, she will certainly require an ultrasound to confirm (or exclude) the diagnosis of an ectopic prior to any action being taken — in which case there was nothing to be gained by doing an internal examination in the first place. In general, ultrasound scans are much the best way of sorting out this type of problem by limiting the need for vaginal examination to those circumstances where an infection is suspected and swabs have to be taken — or where the cervix has to be visualised when a smear is performed.

The second argument in favour of intimate examinations is that they should be part of any routine health check to detect potentially serious problems, such as cancer. In May this year, in two separate cases, male doctors found themselves in a situation similar to that of Dr Asirifi when they were accused of "lingering too long" over the breast examination as part of an insurance medical. In fact, the only purpose of routine physical examination of the breasts is to detect cancer and this is best done by a mammogram which alone can detect the very small (and so most readily curable) tumours.

It is the same story with routine pelvic examinations which, according to Mr R.K. Goswamy, of the Churchill Clinic, "even if conducted by an experienced gynaecologist will miss 50 per cent of abnormalities of the ovaries".

"Routine" rectal examinations have also been advocated for men as a way of picking up prostate cancer, but a Bristol GP, Dr Terry Kemple, who has screened 500 men in this way, concluded it was "a useless investigation to detect important abnormalities of the prostate gland in patients without symptoms". It is difficult to find any justification for intimate examinations as part of a general health check. Their use should be restricted to cases where there are obvious symptoms of, for example, breast tenderness or urinary obstruction where the patient would naturally expect the relevant organ to be scrutinised.

Even here, however, as with the example of the ectopic pregnancy, the examination may best be performed by an appropriately trained specialist or some other investigation might be more appropriate.

So rare are the circumstances in which the vaginal examination is necessary that the obstetrician James McGarry, of Glasgow's Southern General hospital, maintains "it is unjustified and educationally harmful" to teach the technique to medical students. Only those who need to perform it regularly as part of their daily medical practice should acquire the skill.

Over the past 12 years, 30 doctors have been accused of breaking the Hippocratic injunction against sexual malpractice — "I will not abuse my position to indulge in sexual contacts with women or men, freemen or slaves". In all but four, the GMC found evidence of serious professional misconduct. There would be fewer cases if the public was better informed about the relatively few circumstances in which intimate examinations are required.

● *Tomorrow: Women and Health. Times readers give their case histories.*

Stand up and be healed

Doctors think miracle cures are bogus. But **Simon Wessely** wonders if charismatic powers might not work where psychiatry has failed

ADRIAN BROOKS



Casting out illness and the evil spirits that caused it: American evangelist Morris Cerullo used a powerful mix of emotion, music and exhortation on his Earl's Court audience

Last week I went to the Earl's Court exhibition centre to hear Morris Cerullo, the American evangelist whose posters promising miraculous healing have been spread around London. Mr Cerullo modestly disclaimed any personal ability to perform miracles, stating instead that these were the work of the Lord.

Nevertheless, the theme of miracles dominated his four-hour performance, and, amid scenes of rising excitement, Mr Cerullo duly obliged. A woman announced as suffering from multiple sclerosis and heart disease appeared. She had been cured during the previous night's performance, and performed a credible Irish jig in proof.

The rest of the night was given over to drink and drug problems. The front of the stage filled up with cigarette packets discarded by members of the audience who then received Mr Cerullo's blessing, many of them falling over in an apparent trance. Then a pregnant woman who admitted to cocaine addiction was brought forward. As the 20,000 crowd chanted "Jesus, Jesus" Mr Cerullo attempted to cast out the evil spirit which inhabited her. As she was led off stage, he instructed his aides that she was not to leave the hall until she had begun to speak in tongues.

What had the audience witnessed? It is nothing new for charismatic preachers, and indeed charismatic doctors, to claim miracle cures. Although such claims are international, more seem to come out of the United States, with its tradition of the travelling medical show, than anywhere else.

The most common explanation for miraculous cures is that the person who was cured never had that particular disease in the first place. It is rare for sufferers to invent diseases to gain the attention that follows a miraculous cure. More common is misdiagnosis.

The interpretation of a shadow on a X-ray, or of cells under a microscope, is a matter of judgment. Mistakes are made. Even more common is misunderstanding. In my clinical practice I see patients whose notes and letters state that they have been diagnosed as suffering from a variety of serious diseases, such a multiple sclerosis, epilepsy or angina. On reading the file in detail one finds the diagnosis was often made many years ago by a busy junior doctor and never subsequently challenged. Sometimes there is an entry "Could be angina", or "?asthma?" in the notes. With the passage of time and the change of doctors, the query gets forgotten.

These patients may experience genuine symptoms such as chest pain or palpitations, the result not of chest or heart disease, but psychological disorders such as depression or anxiety. In others, what looks like epilepsy or multiple sclerosis is also psychological in origin.

Classic Freudian teaching calls this hysteria, which is said to occur when a patient represses intolerable psychological conflicts and distress, which are then converted into a loss of physical function — hence the modern term for hysteria, conversion disorder. Studies have shown that about 5 per cent of those attending an epilepsy clinic actually have similar psychiatric illnesses, and not epilepsy.

Mr Cerullo's miracles could thus have terrestrial explanations. Patients with psychologically-based loss of function are often suggestible, and may be influenced by the intense atmosphere generated at a charismatic meeting. The mixture of emotion, music and exhortation that I witnessed was awesome in its power. For others the improvement may only have been temporary. Patients with severe multiple sclerosis are often capable of movement for a short period — what is impossible is sustained activity. A recent article by Dr Peter May in the *Church of England Newspaper* analysed the alleged miracles claimed by Morris Cerullo, and concluded they were either short-lived, or had entirely adequate conventional explanations. A detailed investigation by the BBC Programme *Heart of the Matter* also failed to find any evidence for miraculous healing.

Few doctors will be surprised by these findings. Previous claims of miraculous cures for dread diseases have never withstood critical scrutiny, and there was no reason to believe that Mr Cerullo's miracles would be any different.

Just like the vast majority of doctors, including those of strong religious faith, I find the business distasteful. It may also be damaging. Despite the no doubt legally inspired disclaimer in the programme for the Earl's Court show, some sufferers may abandon medical treatment in the erroneous belief that they have been cured. Others may have hopes raised, only to suffer the inevitable despair when the miracle fails to happen. If illness is the result of man's sins and is the devil's work, and can be cured by faith alone, as I heard Mr Cerullo claim, then those who are not cured might blame themselves for lack of faith, or believe that illness is their fault.

But as a psychiatrist, I have one niggling doubt. There are, indeed, some patients whom Mr Cerullo might be able to cure. Modern neurology cannot cure those with hysterical symptoms, and years of psychiatric treatment does not always work. A condition which, like hysteria, depends upon an idea of illness, could respond to Mr Cerullo's exhortation. Charismatic healing might also work for another set of disorders. On the day I went to Earl's Court the theme was addiction. On the same day the *British Medical Journal* published a learned paper on stopping smoking. It pointed out that quitting smoking could be the result of an almost limitless number of factors — personal, social, financial, legal, psychological and so on. What about faith? Could that also help those like the pregnant woman addicted to cocaine at Morris Cerullo's meeting?

Even the most ardent supporter of psychiatric services for drug users would admit that therapy can be a difficult and frequently unrewarding struggle. One can imagine a psychiatrist confronting a particularly intractable and disturbed client saying, only half in jest, that only a miracle can help. Should we then send for Morris Cerullo?

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How scared should we be of organ transplants and genetic engineering?

Invasion of the doom mongers

To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, a rule that applies as much to society as it does to physics. The medical revolution now taking place in organ transplantation and gene therapy has found its reactionaries in a Washington think-tank led by an activist, Jeremy Rifkin.

With an eye to respectability, Mr Rifkin calls his organisation the Foundation on Economic Trends, a dull title for a body whose role is to undermine public apathy with disturbing revelations of what the biotechnologists and doctors are up to. Mr Rifkin was the man who inspired hundreds of American restaurants to place stickers on their doors declaring "We do not serve genetically-engineered food" before there was any for them to serve.

Last week a book by Andrew Kimbrell, policy director of the Foundation on Economic Trends, was published in Britain. *The Human Body Shop belongs to an old tradition of* American muck-raking. It bombards the reader with so many unpleasant facts that a few are bound to hit home. Mr Kimbrell says, for example, that the sale of blood in America has become a multi-million dollar industry, and that unregulated traders are already making money selling foetal material, which has possibilities as a treatment for degenerative brain disease. Human organs are on sale throughout the Third World, while women in New York sell ova for *in vitro* fertilisation at $2,000 (£1,380) a time.

IT IS clear, Mr Rifkin writes in the foreword to the book, that "what is required is a transformation of consciousness, a new understanding of our being and our rightful place and role in the world."

When anybody calls for a transformation of consciousness, I always find it prudent to read the small print. Otherwise you can find yourself living in a Welsh commune.

What, really, is new? The new ethical arguments centre around genetic manipulation, the patenting of life, and the potential dangers of gene therapy. These do present important dilemmas, but there is no need for panic.

Manipulation can be used to create plants and animals that incorporate foreign genes. A favourite target of Mr Rifkin is the FlavrSavr tomato, genetically manipulated so that the fruit no longer rot, and the tomatoes have a longer shelf-life. I have never been able to see this as any kind of threat.

More difficult for some to come to terms with may be the engineering of animals so that their organs can be used in human transplants. Work on partly humanised pigs is fairly well advanced. If it succeeds, the limited supply of transplant organs will be enormously increased.

Gene therapy, too, seems to offer enormous human benefits without posing any radically new safety issues. Of course, we must be sure that the procedures are safe, while bearing in mind that for many potential recipients gene therapy is likely to be the only alternative to an early death.

GENETIC screening does pose difficulties, but they are not beyond solution. A decision will have to be made, and enshrined in law, over the rights of individuals and society to the results of such tests. That will present moral philosophers and lawyers with some interesting questions.

The truth is, I suppose, that for those who believe our society is intrinsically bad, the genetic revolution offers it new ways of being bad. For those of a more optimistic cast of mind, the knowledge provides many opportunities for improving human welfare. Mr Kimbrell has done us no favours, however pure his intentions might be.

NIGEL HAWKES

● The Human Body Shop: the engineering and marketing of life *by Andrew Kimbrell. HarperCollins (£8.99).*



Hunger on the street . . . a soup kitchen in Moscow

The deadly statistics of life in Russia

Anatol Lieven reports from Moscow on disease and declining medical standards in the former Soviet Union

When my prospective mother-in-law rang from India to ask anxiously about plague and contagion in Moscow, I knew conditions here must be pretty bad. For the moment, as I told her, bad it may be and getting worse, but public health in Russia is still better than India and most of the Third World.

Words like bubonic plague, or the black death, are indeed enough to freeze the blood, even if the plague is only endemic in the marmot population of central Asia and Siberia. The infectious diseases now spreading across Russia were all in theory virtually eradicated here in the 1960s.

In fact, their suppression was often as much a matter of Soviet censorship as Soviet medicine. Russia lies on the edge of what used to be called the "Greater Asiatic Germ Pool". In the past, the region was repeatedly ravaged by epidemics emerging from Asia, and it remains highly vulnerable.

At present, Tajikistan is suffering an epidemic of cholera, which has crossed the border from Afghanistan and spread rapidly among refugees displaced by the Tajik civil war. Russia, too, is suffering individual cases of cholera.

From the early years of Gorbachev's glasnost, Western observers were surprised by the frequency with which Soviet newspapers began to report local outbreaks of disease. Diphtheria was almost wiped out in Russia by vaccination campaigns in the 1960s, some 15 years after this had occurred in the West. Its reappearance on a large scale has been due partly to a typically Soviet mixture of recklessness and penny-pinching in the mid-1980s, when the authorities decided diphtheria was no longer a menace.

The population was only too glad to hear this. The slovenliness and lack of resources of the Soviet medical system meant that the chance of catching hepatitis from unsterilised needles was always high. The state of Russian hospitals is such that according to a recent official report, two fifths have no hot water and about 10 per cent have no piped water at all.

Despite Western aid and attempts to boost local production, many hospitals still have no disposable needles and visitors are well advised to bring their own.

In the 1980s, the possibility of catching Aids was added to long-standing fears of infection by the medical system. The result was a great falling off in the number of immunisations for diphtheria and other diseases.

The threat of starvation in Russia has been greatly exaggerated. Bread, potatoes and cabbages are still within the budget of everybody but the absolutely indigent. Doctors agree, however, that the type of food most people are eating has changed for the worse. Dr Natasha Golodenko, of the Filatov children's hospital in Moscow, said that people ate between 13 and 20 per cent less meat and fruit in 1992 than in 1991, and consumption of potatoes and bread jumped accordingly.

The result is that the average birth-weight of babies has fallen drastically, and they are more vulnerable to disease. Dr Golodenko said that up to 80 per cent of Russian children suffer regularly from gastro-enteric disease, but this is so common that most parents do not report it.

By some estimates, the life expectancy of Russian men is now less than 64 years, down from an admittedly mendacious Soviet figure of 69 years in the early 1980s. Overall, mortality last year topped the 1991 figure by 5 per cent. Coupled with an 11 per cent drop in the birthrate, last year Russia's population fell for the first time in peacetime since records began — apart from the Soviet-induced famine and Stalin's Terror of the 1930s.

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Lynne Truss



When is a child not a child? When it's a cello, so cough up

The inoffensive cello-player is not normally associated with the phrase "up in arms". In the history of revolutions, cellists are rarely to be found in the vanguard, piling their priceless instruments into curvy, polished barricades which go "Twang!" when pounded by artillery. But *there is a first time for everything*. Get behind chaps with cello cases in a British Rail ticket queue these days, and you will find that the incensed argument against the proposed fare increases has already begun — for, since May, they must either pay the child fare for their cellos, or sling their hook.

"What do you mean?" they cry, wringing their lovely supple hands: "I've got a concert in Liverpool. My travel allowance is just for me." "New regulations," snaps the ticket man. "It's not just cellos. Child fare applies to surfboards, canoes and skis as well." The cellists, who spend more hours alone practising the twiddly bits in the Haydn C than arguing the toss with British Rail officials, are ill-prepared for this confrontation, but sometimes they simply refuse to pay. Sometimes their orchestra backs them up. BR insists they should store their cellos in the guard's van, moreover, which sends them into additional despair and disbelief. "In the guard's van? Have you gone mad?"

All right, you can see BR's point about canoes, especially the long ones as paddled by native Americans in the 18th century. Anyone wishing to bring such an item on board a British Rail service should certainly be penalised, if not locked up permanently in the public interest. Imagine the potential for mayhem. Chap balancing canoe upside down over his head (so that he can't see) proceeds along platform, other commuters walking beside him, blithely unaware of the potential danger. "Hey, you!" shouts somebody. "Who, me?" says the canoeist, and swings round, canoe and all, smartly knocking flat a great swathe of commuters, making an effect something like a crop circle.

But cellists are not in the same category. As Garrison Keillor pointed out in his essay "The Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra", they are self-evidently non-aggressive: "The way they put their arms around their instruments, they look like parents zipping up a child's snowsuit." They are also self-contained. On those crowded station platforms they wiffle elegantly through the mêlée (it's something to do with their centre of gravity); on the train, they rest the instrument in a baggage space, and leave it. Thereafter the cello does not insist on crisps or trips to the lavatory. Nor does it drum the seat, or stare other passengers out of countenance. I am willing to bet that in the history of rail travel no one has ever complained, "Can't you do something about that cello of yours? Good God, it's really getting on my nerves."

Arguably, paranoia is a term that suffers from over-use (last week, a woman told me "I'm paranoid about my hips," meaning she was sensitive about them, I think, not scared they were out to get her). But cellists of my acquaintance are growing justifiably paranoid about BR. "Why this victimisation?" they lament. In their worst moments, they speculate deliriously what the ultimate effect will be. Cellists will become less mobile! Composers will scrub out the cello parts! In years to come, British music will divide historically at the "InterCity watershed" — i.e. with and without cello. A friend phoned a BR chap, and was brusquely informed it was simply a matter of dimensions — anything six feet tall counts as a child, he barked, as though this made obvious sense. Only afterwards did she realise that her cello is not six feet tall anyway, more like four foot six.

Possibly it was all just a clever ruse by British Rail, to draw the heat away from the proposed 16 per cent increase in Travelcards. They reckoned that the nation would get so fed up with whingeing string players in frock coats and bow-ties advancing on Parliament with their spikes out that the new increases could be slipped through. But unfortunately the plan misfired, perhaps because "Out of the guard's van! Into the vanguard!" was too weak a rallying cry, or perhaps because too few people recognise militancy when it's dressed up so nicely, spends a lot of time sitting down and (worst of all) brings to mind a member of the Lloyd Webber family.



The hearts of darkness

A continent riddled with corruption comes to the reluctant realisation that it was not the white man's fault after all

Bernard Levin

It is difficult to entirely withhold admiration from President Babangida, dictator of Nigeria and — on a massive scale, although not of course touching Mobutu's record — rogue and scoundrel. (Well, I can't call him a blackguard without being seriously misunderstood.) After all, a dictator who can campaign throughout a fake election with a party label classifying him as "Messiah-Democrat" can hardly lack a sense of humour.

Still, it is more important to record that he *is* a rogue and scoundrel. For a brief moment it looked as though he would not be able to reimpose his impudent rule: but after a series of fraudulent promises of fraudulent elections, and one that he was more or less obliged to undergo, he bounced back with a new date for new polls, naturally no less fraudulent. Alas, only a few weeks later he declared that these would have to be postponed, no doubt lest he might lose them. No doubt he will, in his campaigning, make as much as he can of the words of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who called this brutish dictator "one of the great leader-servants of the modern world in our time". And now comes the news that Babangida is really going to surrender power this time, naturally taking it back immediately.

Nigeria was freed from colonial rule in 1960; bliss was it, more or less, in that dawn to be alive until, only six years later, the military took over and extinguished the infant democracy, whereupon began the country's corruption, a disease that from then on has steadily worsened, so that today it is among the very worst in the whole continent. There was, it is true, one short remission of genuine civilian rule from 1979 to 1983, after which the military took over again, but that was when Babangida saw his chance. He is now, as he has been since 1985, "Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Chairman of the Armed Forces Ruling Council" — and, do not forget, a Messiah-Democrat.

But I am not proposing to spend the next thousand words on Babangida. What I want to do is to wonder aloud why so many of the states of the African continent have failed in almost everything, from improving the standard of living of their peoples to the apparently ineradicable corruption, and from the tyrannies that rule so many of the states to the pitifully small contribution that they have offered the world.

There are, of course, those who claim to be not at all surprised: black men, they say, can't do anything useful, whether it is ruling, or organising, or making, and it is *because* they are black that they are useless. This hypothesis is bolstered by the advances made in Asia; it is not necessary to say that sub-Sahara Africa has not made a Hong Kong, for a glance at the map shows that virtually no effort made by black men in Africa can compare with what their equals are achieving in Asia.

But it cannot be true that black men are in some way constitutionally deficient in, say, intelligence or understanding. Whether white, pink, black, brown, green or heliotrope — brains in general are no different one from another, and they can all do what any can do. So why don't they? Education is often blamed, and perhaps rightly, but then we come up against the Asian comparison: did the downtrodden people of Asian impoverished lands get a better education? Where from?

Do not take this dispiriting evidence from me; take it from President Afeworki of Eritrea, who is as black as it is possible to be. He was addressing leaders of the Organisation of African Unity at its annual conference, and for once (perhaps the only time in that truly useless body's entire existence) the members heard the truth. He called it, contemptuously, "a nominal organisation", and went on to say that:

> Although the OAU has often championed the lofty ideals of unity, co-operation, economic developments, human rights and other worthy objectives, it has failed seriously to work towards their realisation ... Thirty years after the foundation of this organisation our continent remains affected by growing poverty and backwardness ... The African continent is today a marginalised actor in global politics and the world economic order. Africa is not a place where its citizens can walk with raised heads, but a continent scorned by all its partners.

This indictment I got from *The Times*'s correspondent at the conference, who significantly said of President Afeworki's speech that: "Absent from his speech was the routine rhetoric of speakers at previous OAU conferences who have blamed the former colonialists or the Cold war for Africa's ills. Mr Afeworki laid most of the blame for Africa's problems at the feet of Africans."

The correspondent's report was accompanied by a map of Africa: there were 24 black spots on it, each of these telling a more or less dreadful tale. Here, for instance, is Algeria black-spotted, with civil strife, assassinations, violent Islamic fundamentalism; here is Sierra Leone with its military dictatorship; here is Cameroon, suffering from rigged elections and threats of secession; here is Zaire, with anarchy, civil strife and famine; here is Kenya with ethnic conflict, to say nothing of its brutal dictatorship; here ... but the evidence is as clear as it is appalling. (True, the catalogue of fear and brutality did something extra: it brought out of retirement dear old Colin Legum, for whom over decades nothing bad could happen in Africa, or if it did it was the white man's fault. And — praise be — he hasn't changed a bit.)

Come; let us call the roll by name. In Kenya Daniel arap Moi stuffs his pockets and empties his people's larders; in Malawi, Hastings Banda still won't tell his age (we shall see whether he will accept his recent defeat at the polls, or do a Babangida); in Zaire Mobutu Sese Seko's ravages have almost destroyed the entire country, which is now disintegrating into roving gangs of bandits (President Mobutu himself is now rarely seen — he goes in perpetual terror of assassination, as well he might); there are more, each one more depressing when one thinks of what these people are doing to a continent that is so full of riches that it could feed not only itself but much of the rest of the world, but which is left to rot.

Let us go back to Babangida. A moving story comes from Kayode Soyinka, a citizen of Nigeria; he paints, in *The Independent*, what Nigeria is going through. (The writer stunned me by saying that Babangida is reputed to have greater personal wealth than Mobutu, but that cannot possibly be true.) What clearly *is* true is what Mr Soyinka describes:

> What Nigeria now has is politicians in military uniform, masquerading as army officers. They exploit the resources of the state ruthlessly, mainly for their own benefit; very few army officers in Nigeria today can justify their enormous personal wealth ... The tragedy is the open and brazen manner in which the military steals money and displays its wealth.

That must mean that even if the real military take over, the poor of Nigeria will be no better off, and with no prospects of ever being better off.

I come back to where I started. Why has Africa, with all its massive potential, failed its people? And "failed its people" is indeed the indictment, as President Afeworki said bluntly, instead of blaming the white man as has hitherto been the excuse. And Mr Soyinka, who, after all, is a great deal nearer what is happening that I am, repeats almost word for word my bewilderment at Africa's failure, saying: "With her oil revenue and other resources Nigeria should be in the same development league as Malaysia, Singapore, Korea and Taiwan."

So what is the answer? If Africans are no less capable of improving their lot by their own efforts, why haven't they done so? It would be a remarkable irony if the new South Africa, when it is in place and working its fragile new system, took the rest of Africa in hand and showed it what can be done. For if Africa, ignoring the ashes of the phoenix, refuses to be taught by a truly multi-racial system, there will be no excuse for the continent's failure, and — worse — there will be no advancement for Africa's millions.

Meanwhile, the Asian Pacific rim not only shows Africa how it is done, but will shortly be showing the West as well; it has been said that within a couple of generations the white man will, with his wife, be the servants of the yellow ones. And where will Africa be then?

A captive workforce won't pay

Prison and the private sector do not mix, says **Paul Barker**

In judging the Home Secretary's reported wish for tougher prisons, with more work and less idleness, it is best to begin by acknowledging home truths about people's attitudes to crime and criminals. These attitudes are not friendly. People feel they are drowning in a sea of crime. In the countryside, *burglary* is a far commoner occupation than haymaking. In town, the popular pastime is, of course, stealing from cars.

Almost everyone pays a "crime tax". This is partly psychological: the need to ask yourself whether you locked every door, and to wonder if your children are safe. Partly it is gut-financial: insurance premiums, once a minor domestic item, have become as costly as if we were all insuring our own Crown jewels. The boys and young men who carry out thefts from cars and houses are seldom caught. But anxieties and resentments from their unchecked activities exacerbate emotions about what should happen to the criminals the police do manage to catch and get convicted. In a nutshell: "Make them pay."

This has always been classic Conservative party territory. Michael Howard is trying to reclaim it, as was his predecessor, Kenneth Clarke. Mr Clarke proposed setting up tougher secure units for young offenders. Now Mr Howard wants prisons to be "more austere", with prisoners spending "more time working". How much of this is pure rhetoric? And, if it isn't rhetoric, what does it mean in practice?

The rhetoric component is high. Mr Howard faces a stern test at this autumn's party conference. Confronting such an audience, even the gentle-minded Lord Whitelaw, when Home Secretary, plumped for the idea of a "short sharp shock" — a scheme later quietly dropped. The law and order side of the party is crosser than ever; Sir Teddy Taylor has ferociously bobbed up everywhere in the past couple of days. In the *Sunday Telegraph*, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne even argued for letting more people carry their own guns, to defend themselves.

Standing in the other corner are the liberals, such as the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Judge Stephen Tumim, for whom the punishment of being sent to prison consists in the fact that it deprives you of liberty. Beyond that deprivation, in this view, prisoners should be treated as humanely as possible, and their chances of ending up back in prison not wantonly increased. I put it like that because it is as well to acknowledge, also, that there is little evidence that any kind of incarceration, humane or inhumane, punitive or rehabilitative, really improves the odds that inmates will go straight after their release.

Mr Howard is trying to walk a tightrope between the hard men and the soft. He is relying, perhaps, on the fact that most of the public know little of what goes on inside prisons and, except when there is a riot, care even less.

Prisoners serving long sentences already often spend time in work. The trouble lies with the local prisons, where short-term inmates are crammed together with remand prisoners (about 20 per cent of the jail population). Wandsworth prison, for example, with 800 inmates, has only part-time work for two-thirds.

To change this will not be cheap. At one time, the prison work programme cost about £2 for every £1 of output. It is now run in a less Soviet-style centralised manner, with devolution to governors. At East Sutton Park women's prison in Kent, they do a good line in mozzarella. But mozzarella manufacture dodges one of the big obstacles (apart from cost) in expanding work schemes: whose jobs are you taking? The cheese-makers of Italy are not members of British trade associations or trade unions.

The Home Secretary comes from the wing of the party which has been keenest on privatisations. Prison work has been set back by this. Many of the jobs used to be either for prisons themselves (uniforms, laundry) or for state enterprises (donkey jackets for the National Coal Board). In the untrammelled world of the marketplace, prison workshops have severe handicaps which could deter any firm wanting to put a contract their way. You cannot choose your workforce, or the location of the workplace. Most notably, you cannot increase efficiency and lower costs by putting in more capital equipment and cutting down on the workforce (as most firms consistently do): that undermines the whole point.

In the 19th century the prison treadmill was invented to make men work while not interfering with markets: "hard labour" produced nothing but sweat and knotted muscles. But if Mr Howard can find a way to bring more men (and women) into work within prisons, of a kind that will give them better skills on their release, the liberals and the reactionaries should both be pleased, in their different ways. But it is unlikely to cut costs.

Making prisons "more austere" is a different business. This, one can only hope, is pure rhetoric. No one reading the regular reports by Judge Tumim, or Lord Justice Woolf's report on the Strangeways riot, can be under any illusion about the grimness of most prison life. This grimness has self-evidently failed to deter more and more young people from dipping into the crime business. If it had deterred them, there might be a case for it. But as it has not, we owe it to ourselves to be humane to fellow human beings — even if it means gritting our teeth as we shell out on those soaring annual premiums.

Major dropped by party

JAMES MAJOR, the prime minister's son, would have been spared the press interest in his A-level results, it seems, if only he had performed just a little bit better in another crucial test of ability earlier this year.

The athletically inclined Major Jr, whose prowess in the football field is well-documented, could have spent last week with his cricketing chums in Zimbabwe as part of a Huntingdon schoolboys' side. But though he captained the second XI at his public school, Kimbolton, which fielded five of the 15-strong squad, he failed to qualify.

"He was in the final net session from which the tour party was selected, but didn't quite make it," says Martin Stephenson, chairman of Huntingdon Cricket 2000.

But the Huntingdon team appear to be managing. "They played their first match on Friday against Prince Edward School in Harare," Stephenson says, "and won quite convincingly."

Such unusually good fortunes for an English touring side will, of course, bring mixed feelings to Major *fils* as he contemplates his less than notable A-level results (C in physics, D in general studies and E in history).

Major Sr is president of Huntingdon Cricket 2000, which was set up under the Cricket 2000 scheme — a 1991 initiative, backed by the prime minister, to revive cricket in schools. Two years on and, after disagreements with the National Cricket Authority, Cricket 2000 is on the point of collapse. It's that Major touch again.

● *If the England cricket selectors are still wondering how to replace Graham Gooch this winter, they could do worse than consider Jack Hyams, who has just completed 1,000 runs in a season — for the sixtieth season running. To what does the 73-year-old retired petshop owner and Lord's Tavern-er owe his success? Running between wickets for seven decades, no alcohol and lots of salads, he says. And he gave up smoking cigars a year ago — almost. "I still have the odd one when I'm playing cricket." Oh well — back to the clean-living David Gower, then.*

RSVIP

BRITISH members of the European Parliament have finally notched up a significant victory in their battle against red tape in Brussels. They have persuaded the European Commission to speed up its letter-opening process after protesting that replies to written requests from MEPs are a little tardy: they have been taking between three and four months.

Since they appear to be by far the most frequent letter-writers, the British MEPs have been more exercised than their colleagues over the issue. But Lord Bethell, MEP for North West London, claims a dramatic improvement is already taking place.

"The Secretary General of the Commission has assured me that letters from MEPs will be answered within three weeks of receipt," he says. "It just shows that some of our British efficiency is beginning to rub off on Brussels."

Priceless

"WHAT is freely received, should be freely given," is how one Dublin Jesuit explains why the order is giving Caravaggio's *The Taking of Christ* to the National Gallery of Ireland.

But the gift has caused consternation among the world's better-endowed galleries, many of which would have given tens of millions of pounds in order to receive the Caravaggio into their collection.

The most disappointed is likely to be the National Gallery of Art in Washington which does not, as yet, possess any work by the Italian master — unlike London's National Gallery, which has no fewer than four.

Art historian Sir Denis Mahon, a former trustee of the National Gallery and the first Caravaggio expert called on by Dublin's National Gallery to authenticate the work, believes "a gallery of the stature of Washington should have a Caravaggio. They will be disappointed. They would have bust a gut to acquire it. It is a fine example and completely authenticated."



It could not have gone to Italy, he says. "The Italians would love it, but no Italian gallery could afford it. Anyway, they already have quite a selection."

The National Gallery, which did the X-rays that helped to authenticate the painting, "admired it very much but said they did not have the money".

With the painting valued at between £20 million to £50 million, only one buyer is likely to have that sort of cash — the ubiquitous Getty museum in California.

Waiting for God

THE publication next month of Sheridan Morley's biography of his father Robert will no doubt be an uncomfortable reminder of Morley's longest-running project, his authorised biography of Sir John Gielgud, which was begun five years ago and still shows no sign of nearing completion.

According to publishing sources, the reason for the delay is that Morley does not want to publish the book until after Gielgud's death. Gielgud, they say, "resents the fact that Sheridan is waiting for him to die. But Sheridan realises he will not be able to deal fully with Gielgud's life, especially his personal life, with him still alive."

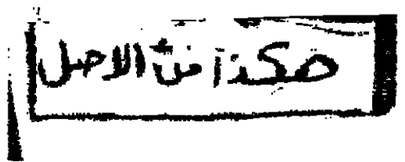
Morley admits the timing of publication is "one of the areas of debate. I have been careful not to get too close to him. There is a certain freedom in writing a biography after your subject has died: people tend to talk differently."

Organ transplant

THE CHALK emblems that adorn the hillsides of England's south-west appear to be causing difficulties. Yesterday it was reported that the giant regimental badges cut into a hillside near Salisbury, in Wiltshire, are suffering maintenance problems because of defence cuts. Now the latest National Trust magazine tells of work on the splendidly priapic giant that graces Cerne Abbas in Dorset.

The 2,000-year-old and 180ft tall Cerne Giant has been given cosmetic surgery in a "delicate" operation, says the trust. "National Trust archaeologists have raised the vital organ by about nine inches. The giant, generally regarded as an ancient fertility symbol, requires regular maintenance."

But before anyone jumps to the wrong conclusion, the National Trust has done nothing more than raise the profile of the giant's 6ft-long nose.



RUNNING ON TIME

Political arrogance is jeopardising rail privatisation

The worst error the government could make in its battle over rail privatisation would be to imagine that success is preordained. The sale of gas, electricity and water provoked equally serious public anxiety, which proved to be mostly unjustified. John MacGregor, the transport secretary, may therefore be tempted to ignore parliamentary and public pressure to modify his plans for the railways, in the vainglorious belief that history is on his side. But as the government itself admits, the railways are different.

Telephones, water and gas, were all monopoly services, bound to be attractive to private investors: the main danger in privatising them was that customers would be over-charged in the quest for profits. British Rail, by contrast, is a weak, loss-making operator in a fiercely competitive transport market, where the rules of engagement are slanted against it by government transport policies. The main risk of limited privatisation — or "commercialisation" as Mr MacGregor prefers to call it — is that the public will be denied adequate services at a reasonable cost, once the railways are privately run.

Given the government's slender majority, the political omens are forbidding. The leaked BR proposal to increase fares by up to 16 per cent will make jittery Tory MPs still more anxious. The return of the rail privatisation bill to the Commons in October could easily provoke a backbench rebellion, forcing the prime minister to choose between another round of divisive Maastricht-style whipping or another humiliating reversal. Instead, he should pre-empt revolt now by thinking again.

The government should return to first principles, explaining to the electorate (and reminding itself) why it embarked upon this complex reform. In general, public services are better contracted out to private firms than kept in the bureaucratic clutches of the state. The benefits of privatisation — of prisons, rubbish collection, or passenger trains — should be improved services, efficiency and accountability to customers.

In the case of the railways, however, there are three other crucial elements in the equation: the amount of subsidy the government provides to maintain uneconomic, but socially desirable, services; the level of fares judged acceptable to the public; and the balance between public investment in railways and roads. It may suit the government to shirk responsibility for fare increases and line closures — and it may be in keeping with the Transport Department's traditions to respond to Treasury strictures by squeezing investment in rail, while protecting its road-building programme — but to conceal such policies behind the front of "commercialising the railways" would risk discrediting the whole concept of privatisation.

The first step in a coherent process of commercialisation should therefore be for the government to make explicit decisions on the desired size of Britain's rail network and the subsidies (if any) travellers should receive to induce them to use rail rather than roads.

The next element should be to establish the right relationship between the state and private franchisees. Contracts must guarantee minimum service frequencies, set benchmarks for future fare levels and include rigorous assurances of quality. They must be open to public scrutiny. The government should also swallow its prejudices and accept the Lords amendment allowing BR itself to compete for some, at least, of the best franchises. The object of change must be better rail services, not ideological point-scoring. To exclude completely the one organisation in Britain which has experience of railways is absurd.

Ministers must, in short, give a convincing practical justification for proceeding with this reform, at this time. They cannot rely on the general case for privatisation. The issues still unresolved are important enough to warrant a fresh white paper. To succeed with this policy, the government will need more patience and less arrogance.

NICARAGUAN TIGHTROPE

Señora Chamorro's political battle

Señora Violeta Chamorro, the Nicaraguan president, is in a desolate political position. In a dramatic sequence of events, right-wing *rebels*, or *recontras*, have taken a sizeable number of left-wing officials hostage in the north of the country. Responding in kind, pro-Sandinista commandos in Managua last week seized vice-president Señor Virgilio Godoy and 27 others, demanding their comrades' release.

The demand of the *recontras* is more complex by far. It goes to the core of the problem which has plagued Señora Chamorro since she took office in April 1990: the need to dismiss Señor Humberto Ortega, the Sandinista army chief, the price demanded by the US as the price for future aid.

Señora Chamorro's decision to forge a *modus vivendi* with the Sandinistas, whom she defeated in the 1990 elections, was profoundly unpopular with conservative factions in the National Opposition Union, her victorious but rickety alliance. Her support in the National Assembly has been eroded and she now depends on Sandinista scaffolding for parliamentary survival. Her most inflammatory decision, for the right, was the retention as army chief of Señor Humberto Ortega, to whom *contras* were bitterly opposed.

It was, at the time, an adroit move. The demobilsation of the armed forces was essential and required the full cooperation of the Sandinista military establishment. To his credit, Señor Ortega has reduced the army from nearly 100,000 to just 15,000 in three years. This radical surgery, while consonant with both Señora Chamorro's political agenda and American interests, has had unhappy social implications. The demobilised soldiers are jobless, as is nearly 60 per cent of the workforce.

Unemployment on this scale may, in part, be explained by the economic policies adopted by the government. In some ways, it has worked an economic miracle, routing a rampant hyperinflation. The economy is one of the most liberal in the continent, but the cost has been mass unemployment. The withholding of American aid has worsened the parlous socio-economic situation. Senator Jesse Helms, spearhead of the assault on Nicaragua, was the unsympathetic architect of last month's vote by the US senate to deny $90 million in aid.

In Nicaragua's interest, Señora Chamorro must try to prevail upon Señor Ortega to accept another post. She has the constitutional authority to dismiss him but not the political power. She will have to enlist the support of moderate Sandinistas, in the name of genuine national reconciliation, and of Señor Ortega himself. As army chief he is both a red rag to the American bull and the source of serious offence to the Nicaraguan right. His transfer laterally, to a non-military niche will, however, have to be packaged delicately. Señora Chamorro will have to ensure that it is not seen as a capitulation, either to the hectoring of hostage-takers or to American pressure. This will displease the left but will weaken the hand of the radical right. Most importantly, however, it could clear the way for the resumption of American aid to Nicaragua.

PERFECT GLORY

How our cricketers could be more like our athletes

It is tempting to look at Britain's achievements in the athletics championships at Stuttgart and conclude that our athletes, like some of our golfers and racing drivers, are natural winners. Our cricketers, by contrast, seem to have joined our footballers and tennis players in the ranks of natural losers. The success in Stuttgart, however, has been something of a contradiction.

British athletics achievement over a century has predominantly been at the middle distances, most recently in the era of Coe, Ovett and Cram. But during the world championships the triumphs have come from our sprinters and hurdlers, in a traditional field of American men's dominance, and from Sally Gunnell, a woman hurdler, and Steve Smith, the first high jump medal-winner for 85 years. It is probable, that the current success is a random incidence of elite talent similar to the middle-distance triumphs ten years ago, which proved temporary.

The lessons from Stuttgart are both positive and negative and some are common to all contemporary sport. The biggest danger is that athletics, as it becomes more professional, will fall into the sad condition of football and cricket, in which players, pursuing commercial opportunities begin to resemble automatons, boring and devoid of spontaneity.

It is 20 years since our football was condemned by one of the world's foremost foreign coaches for breeding "industrial footballers". This danger is ever-present in athletics, and elements of it were apparent in Stuttgart. Being exposed at every appearance to absolute measurement of performance, the athlete does not have the licence of other professional sports performers, in ball games, to play below par and still be able to entertain. With the new financial temptation to compete too often rather than train diligently for a peak at major championships, the athlete runs the increasing risk of injury, performance-related illness, or mere staleness. At Stuttgart, beneath the brilliant surface, the most conspicuous sight was of ailing athletes.

Most of our cricketers and footballers also play too much. Decline in international performance has less to do with a new and undefined British incapacity for team games, than with concentration, in coaching and public expectation, on the "wrong" objective: on one-day cricket, with its perverted technical demands, and on win-at-all-cost domestic football.

The positive lesson of Stuttgart, also exemplified by several of our golfers, is the essential concept of elitism: that the most talented performers must first devote themselves to the perfection of their technique, and that only this will bring the satisfaction of achievement, public acclaim and financial success: Our footballers and cricketers work hard, but too little at perfection. As Stuttgart has shown, perfection will ultimately bring the proper rewards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The successes and failures of A level

From Dr J. Nicholas

Sir, "Common sense suggests that some sleight of hand has been performed in measuring [the latest A-level] results", according to your leading article of August 19. You give absolutely no evidence for this damaging allegation.

Writing as an A-level teacher at a further education college, I would suggest that it is "common sense" that the level of achievement at A level can be improved and that it has been lifted on this occasion.

Many factors account for the improvement. Coursework is included in the assessment of many A-level subjects. There is an increasing recognition of the importance of study skills. There is closer co-operation between teachers and exam boards in establishing wider understanding of syllabus and exam requirements.

We need a more constructive debate about how achievement in education past 16 can be assessed and improved even further. We do not need the rehearsing of stereotypes of an opposed "left" and "right" pursuing or debating myths about standards and a "golden age".

Yours faithfully,
JOE NICHOLAS,
35 Brockswood Lane,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
August 19.

From Mr W. N. F. Carter

Sir, Earlier this year my son gave up a comfortable lifestyle to go back to studying for A levels to get into a newly created university. After much burning of midnight oil he achieved it.

Being a mature student he was prepared to work all hours but found, to his horror, that he was "programmed" by his department for only 12 hours a week. He felt that if he spoke to his tutor, perhaps a more useful timetable could be arranged, but in spite of spending three months knocking on doors, telephoning and writing letters, which were not even answered, he never managed to meet his tutor. So he left.

One doesn't have to have A levels to see where the fault lies.

Yours etc,
W. N. F. CARTER,
Quatre Bras, 81 Plains of Waterloo,
Ramsgate, Kent.
August 15.

From Mr Michael Hart

Sir, A levels showed a further decline in maths and science entries. Modern languages are also in decline. Universities have difficulties in honouring their commitments to arts and social-science candidates, whilst places for science candidates go begging. AS levels, as predicted, are a flop.

When will it be generally accepted that A levels cannot be patched up but have to be replaced by a new five or six-subject curriculum and exam?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HART,
49 Chesterfield Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
August 19.

From Mr D. S. J. Gardner

Sir, Libby Purves's despair at the decline in the popularity of science among A-level students ("Shedding science's stigma", August 20) must be shared especially by those who have followed a scientific course. Sadly, the reason why students are turning away from science is mundane, but compelling — the lack of job opportunities in our contracting industries.

My daughter, leaving Bristol University with a respectable degree in biochemistry, is relieved to have found short-term employment in Germany as an au pair. Echoes of Libby Purves's experience were unmistakable in her careers adviser's words: "Perhaps you could regard science as a hobby, dear. Have you thought about merchant banking?"

Yours faithfully,
D. S. J. GARDNER,
12 Wray Park Road,
Reigate, Surrey.
August 20.

From the Headmaster of St Catherine's School, Bramley

Sir, Is it not unsupportable that we now have the situation where the A-level candidates are the last people to learn about their own results? Throughout this week there has been a great deal of media speculation about these, and on the related topic of the shortage of places on some degree courses. This has had the undesirable effect of cruelly exacerbating the anxieties that are naturally felt by the young people at this time.

I suggest that, in future, those who have worked hard and sat the examinations should be extended the courtesy of being informed of their grades *before* they become public property. In this way a great deal of wholly unnecessary anguish would be avoided.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. PALMER,
Headmaster, St Catherine's School,
Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.
August 19.

Sociology and the ethnic melting pot

From Mr Malcolm Cross

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("The melting pot bubbles over", August 18) sees in some aspects of cultural diversity a threat to liberal democracy. Where he is mistaken is in seeming to counterpose material and political interests and the disciplines that have arisen to study them with "deep loyalties to ancestral tribe, language, religion, culture".

It is not simply that ethnicity has blossomed in Eastern Europe with the demise of communism. Under communism ethnic and regional interests were at various times repressed and at other times used to fragment opposition. Both measures served to strengthen what might otherwise have become folklore.

The fact that ethnic identity can legitimate and articulate a community interest, real or imagined, is a lesson that can be applied nearer home. By denying Muslim schools a right to public funding (report, August 19), the government does not thereby minimise community divisions. It may achieve the opposite by communicating to Muslims that their religion and traditions are their only source of recognition and acceptance.

You show elsewhere ("Is this a racist diagnosis?", August 19) that the sons and daughters of migrants from the Caribbean are particularly prone to schizophrenia.

In my view, had they differed sufficiently in religion and language from those about them then, faced with social rejection, they might well have been saved from this plight by enhanced ethnic identity. Multiculturalism may be second best to equal treatment but it is better than nothing.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM CROSS
(Executive Director),
European Research Centre on
Migration and Ethnic Relations,
University of Utrecht,
Faculty of Social Sciences,
Heidelberglaan 2,
De Uithof, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
August 19.

From Group Captain Hugh H. Eccles, RAF (retd)

Sir, Simon Jenkins is right: the world's democratic constitutions founded on 18th-century settlements have no adequate answers to counter the undemocratic actions of tribesmen armed with modern weapons. Going back to anthropological basics to find the right solution may be the logical course of action but time is running out and revision by trial and error may be more realistic.

Starting with Maastricht, now is the time for Britain to take up the reins she held in Wellington's time and lead the European Community into the development of a constitution guaranteeing peace within and between all present and future member states. By example, this would lead to 20th-century settlements for the world-wide preservation of tribal rights. The choice is Mr Major's and the prize of historical proportion.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH H. ECCLES
(Chartered Engineer),
16 York Mansions,
Prince of Wales Drive, SW11.
August 18.

From Mrs Helen Corkery

Sir, Simon Jenkins earns support from those like myself who, since the 1960s, have regretted that it was sociology, not anthropology, that swept through the universities and seeped into the schools.

Anthropology, working from observation towards theory, must reflect life more accurately than sociology, which, in its modern manifestations at least, seems to put theory first and observation second.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN CORKERY,
52 Harrison Close,
Woodlands, Reigate, Surrey.
August 18.

From Dr K. F. Mole

Sir, The hour of the anthropologist which Simon Jenkins mentions struck at least 30 years ago. The late William Allen, an American consultant who negotiated a milestone management union agreement at Esso, Fawley, told me then that when recruiting an assistant he demanded an experienced anthropologist.

Lord Owen and other negotiators might well do the same.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MOLE,
The School, Buckhorn Weston,
Gillingham, Dorset.
August 18.

Cancer treatments

From Professor Peter Selby and Professor R. T. D. Oliver

Sir, Your article ("Medicine's North-South divide", August 5; also letters, August 19) draws particular attention to regional differences in radiotherapy regimens for cancer treatment. However, there are other serious problems with cancer care in the UK; these include a substantial shortfall in the provision of cancer specialists, which is less per patient than in Australasia and in North America.

Not surprisingly, our national results for cancer treatments are worse than in those areas. There is also a lack of comprehensively equipped and staffed cancer centres in the UK and cancer services in district general hospitals are fragmentary and understaffed.

These problems may be more pressing in the north. However, an independent review of specialist cancer services in London, published by the Department of Health last June, in the wake of the Tomlinson report, made sweeping recommendations for change. There is an urgent need for careful consideration of the broad pattern and resourcing of cancer care in the UK as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
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St James's University Hospital,
Beckett Street, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
R. T. D. OLIVER,
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The Royal London Hospital, E1.

Progress in Brazil

From the Brazilian Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

Sir, It was encouraging to see *The Times* acknowledging the new economic realities in Latin America and expressing the hope that the relationship between the international markets and the region should evolve to a "stable matrimony" ("Latin American promise", leading article, August 9).

However, to refer to Brazil as "corrupt and hyper-inflationary" is a sweeping generalisation that does not take into proper account what the Brazilian people and its political institutions achieved last year. There have been cases of corruption, some of which were highly publicised, but we have dealt with them in an exemplary manner. Brazilian society is proud of the way the country came out of last year's crisis with democracy unscathed and high moral standards in public life upheld.

Although it is true that Brazil's inflation rate is still at a staggering 30 per cent a month, the country is currently the world's ninth largest economy: its GDP amounts to $400 billion — at least twice that of a medium-sized industrialised nation. It has deregulated foreign trade, consistently reduced import tariffs, and has been implementing a privatisation programme, which is proving very successful. Brazil has for some time resumed servicing its foreign debt and has almost $25 billion in reserves.

It has had significant trade surpluses for many years (sometimes the third largest in the world) and this year these are expected to reach $20 billion. The economy is expected to expand by 3.5 per cent in 1993.

These achievements represent no mean feat. It is surprising that in such a comprehensive article you should choose to describe my country in such derogatory and unfair terms.

Yours sincerely,
FREDERICO CEZAR de ARAUJO,
Brazilian Embassy,
32 Green Street, W1.

Care of mentally ill

From Mr Nigel Walker

Sir, Dr John M. Crichton's letter of August 12 represents hospital psychiatrists as being responsible only for their patients' welfare rather than for the public's safety. It is a rhetorical over-simplification to say that "the role of protecting the public is not unwelcome to medicine, but the role of jailer is".

The Mental Health Acts specifically require psychiatrists to have regard to the protection of the public as well as patients' interests.

Unlike jailers, they can set their charges free when they think fit (although in the case of restriction orders the law sensibly requires their decisions to be subject to confirmation by the home secretary or a mental health review tribunal). They cannot shrug off all responsibility for the unfortunate outcome of a mistaken discharge.

Again, the statement that the mentally ill "are no more violent than the general population" is an equally misleading one.

Some are, in fact, *less* violent: but some recognisable sub-groups are *more* likely to be violent (for example, paranoid schizophrenics).

I am, etc,
NIGEL WALKER,
King's College, Cambridge.
August 12.

Drink-drive policy

From Miss J. M. Davidson

Sir, Mr Anthony Holland (letter, August 17) opposes the proposed humiliation of drink-drive offenders by photographing and fingerprinting them (report, August 10), on the grounds that such proposals are an abuse of police power and a waste of time and resources. He seems to forget that the communities whom the police are "employed to serve" include aged pedestrians and young children, the frequent victims of drunken drivers of motor vehicles.

Yours faithfully,
J. MARY DAVIDSON,
9 Blunts Road, SE9.

Papal encyclical

From Professor Emeritus Geza Vermes, FBA

Sir, Having devoted many years of research to the historical Jesus, I am saddened and puzzled by the concern of Church people with such secondary matters as the ordination of women or the presumed contents of a leaked papal encyclical (letters, August 4, 9, 13, 16, 20). Would it not be more important to enquire first, using our considerably improved knowledge of the 1st-century world in which Christianity came into being, whether and how the Church and its teachings relate to the religion preached and practised by Jesus the Jew?

Yours,
GEZA VERMES,
The Oriental Institute, Oxford.

Caravan sites

From Mrs Jennifer McGrandle

Sir, It is Mr Syd Wild, national chairman of the British Holiday & Home Parks Association (letter, August 16), not Mr Simon Jenkins ("Sprawl of immobile homes", August 7), who is misleading your readers.

True, planning laws exist, but here in north Cornwall, they are being blatantly abused by some site operators and inadequately enforced by the local planning authority.

At Trevose Head, designated an area of outstanding natural beauty, there are two large caravan sites. Existing planning laws are apparently being openly flouted: by, for example, the carrying of more caravans than permitted; seasonal caravan parks becoming virtually permanent "housing estates" open for nine months of the year; and caravan rallies exploiting legal loopholes in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 in order to occupy prime headland sites.

Neither Professor Barbour's solution of planting poplars (on gale-swept Cornish coasts?) nor Mr Burrough's of camouflaging caravans (letters, August 16) will rid us of this threat to our heritage. Only a radical reform of the outdated planning legislation on caravans will suffice.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER McGRANDLE,
Trezise, Harlyn Bay, North Cornwall.
August 16.

From Mr Oliver B. Sheppard

Sir, The article by Simon Jenkins reads as an obituary to the English countryside disappearing under a mass of sprawling caravan parks, supposedly in the interests of tourism.

The cardinal aims of planning are to decide where development should or should not take place and to regulate its design and appearance. This cannot be achieved successfully whilst weakness in planning rules and regulations are exploited.

For example, there is a case for curtailing permitted development rights in certain areas where the need for landscape protection and recreation is overriding. This would certainly bring temporary holiday homes, currently exempt from planning control, under the auspices of the planning authority.

Yours sincerely,
OLIVER SHEPPARD,
49 Springhead, Ferndale,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
August 10.

From Mrs Linda Whetstone

Sir, Simon Jenkins says that 13 million Britons (25 per cent of the population) rely on caravan parks for a holiday. Should they have no holiday because better accommodation, which many of them would undoubtedly prefer, is too expensive since its supply has been so restricted by local planners?

In my view, government is no better equipped to deliver acceptable planning of our land than it was to run our airlines or telephone network. We need a legal framework for land use but not one that is a mechanism of the middle and upper classes to maintain their status quo.

Yours sincerely,
LINDA WHETSTONE,
Bassetts Manor, Hartfield, Sussex.
August 8.

In a fix over fax

From Mr B. Milnes

Sir, I simply write "x sheets follow" on the sheet preceding the first faxed page, instead of "attached" or "enclosed" (letters, August 16, 18) — and hope that they do.

Yours faithfully,
BARRIE MILNES,
19 Starmore Court, Canterbury, Kent.

Long odds

From Mr David Thompson

Sir, I read with interest your report "Bookies cut odds on little green men" (August 21). Would the bookies not be better employed laying odds on the existence of intelligent life on earth?

Yours faithfully,
D. THOMPSON,
154 Jendale, Sutton Park,
Hull, North Humberside.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 22: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Right Rev Doctor James Weatherhead (Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland) preached the sermon.

Church news

The Rev Preb Richard Acworth is to succeed the Ven Edward Thomas as Archdeacon of Wells.

The Rev Henry Watson, permission to officiate (York): to be Honorary Curate (NSM), Scarborough, St Mary w Christ Church and The Holy Apostles (York).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon Peter Barton, Vicar, Malmesbury w Westport and Brokenborough (Bristol): to retire as from January 31 1994.

The Rev Laurence Crowe, Vicar, Tividale St Michael (Lichfield): to resign as from October 2.

The Rev David Divall, Assistant Curate (NSM), St John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle (Portsmouth): has resigned.

The Rev Canon Robert Howard, Vicar, Chalke Valley West (Salisbury): to retire as from November 30.

The Rev John Potter, Rector, Somersham w Flowton and Offton w Willisham (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Geoffrey Lawn, Vicar, Pickering (York): to take early retirement from Oct 31.

The Rev Canon Ted Roberts, General Adviser for Inner City Ministry (Southwark): to retire as from November 30.

The Rev Canon John Sharpe, Chaplain, Knowle Hospital and an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral (Portsmouth): to retire as from September 23 and then be appointed an Honorary Canon Emeritus, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Michael Vernon, Vicar, Hull, St John Newland (York): to resign as from October 24.

The Rev Edwin Wilkinson, Vicar, Bexhill St Stephen (Chichester): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Canon John Yates, Team Rector, St Mary Stoke and St Peter Stoke Park, and Priest-in-charge, Wherstead (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire from Jan 31.



Stephen Fry, actor, writer and comedian, is 36 today

Birthdays today

Mr Paul Barker, writer and broadcaster, 58; Mrs Liz Bavidge, former president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 48; Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Berthon, 71; Mr Alan Brooker, former chairman, Extel Group, 62; Miss Antonia Byatt, writer, 57; Mr Charles Causley, poet, 76; Mr Carlo Curley, organist, 41; Sir James Duncan, former chairman, Transport Development Group, 66; Sir Michael Franklin, civil servant, 66.

Mrs Mildred Gordon, MP, 70; the Earl of Harrington, 71; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, former Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 71; the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, 61; Mr Madsen Pirie, president, Adam Smith Institute, 53; Brigadier F.E. Stafford, former colonial officer, 98; Sir Graham Swanwick, former High Court judge, 87; Mr Sam Torrance, golfer, 40; Mr H.R. Wright, chief master, King Edward's School, Birmingham, 55.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Robert Herrick, poet, London, 1591; George Stubbs, painter, Liverpool, 1724; William Wilberforce, leader of the anti-slavery movement, Hull, 1759; James Weddell, Antarctic explorer, Ostend, 1787; Sir Max Beerbohm, caricaturist and writer, London, 1872; Jorge Luis Borges, poet, Buenos Aires, 1899; Graham Sutherland, painter, London, 1903.

DEATHS: Il Parmigianinio, (Francesco Mazzoli), painter, Cremona, 1540; John Owen, theologian, London, 1683; Thomas Chatterton, poet, committed suicide, London, 1770; Sadi Carnot, scientist, Paris, 1832; Theodore Hook, novelist, London, 1841; Getulio Vargas, President of Brazil 1930-45, committed suicide, Rio de Janiero, 1954; Feliks Topolski, artist, 1989.

Eruption of Mount Vesuvius, destroying Pompeii and Herculaneum; among the thousands who perished was the naturalist Pliny the Elder, AD79.

Rome was captured by the Visigoths, AD410.

Massacre of the Protestants in France (St Bartholomew's Day), 1572.

Washington was captured by British forces, 1814.

Matthew (Captain) Webb became the first person to swim the English Channel-Dover to Calais in 22hrs, 1875.

Today's royal engagement

Princess Alexandra will attend a Royal gala performance of Ariadne auf Naxos at David Salomons House, Broomhill Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, at 7.00, in aid of the Broomhill Trust.



Scaffolding, corrugated iron, barbed wire and netting surround Longford Hall but do little to protect it from further decay

Council wants to demolish hall it has allowed to rot

By Ronald Faux

THE fate of Longford Hall, in Stretford, Greater Manchester, a listed building and the former home of John Rylands, a wealthy Lancashire merchant who was one of Manchester's greatest benefactors, will be decided by the Secretary of State for the Environment after a bitter wrangle between conservationists and Trafford borough council.

The council has applied to demolish the building, which it bought in 1911 along with surrounding parkland for public use for all time. The hall has since fallen into disrepair and the council seeks demolition because the building is no longer required, the private sector has shown no interest in it after ten years of marketing, and restoration would cost between £1.3 and £1.6 million. The financial implications for the borough would be serious if the bill was met from public funds, and the council has been advised that the hall has limited importance and limited historical and architectural merit.

This has angered local conservation organisations who say that more than 1,000 people now object to the council's "municipal vandalism" in seeking to demolish a Grade 2 listed building it owns and has allowed to fall into disrepair.

Among the protestors is Frederick Ratcliffe, librarian of Cambridge University, who found the council's proposal difficult to believe. In a letter to Allan Lewis, the council's chief executive, he pointed out that Rylands and his wife were the greatest benefactors Stretford and Manchester had known. Without them the city would have been poorer in many ways. "No community in England owes so much to one single source of benefaction which, in its day, was the envy of the entire country," Mr Ratcliffe wrote. The estate was a "priceless lung" for the whole community and the hall itself the work of a distinguished 19th century architect whose brief knew virtually no financial limit. Longford Hall and the Rylands estate should be secured for posterity. To do otherwise, he said, would have all the makings of a national scandal.

Jim Gatt, chairman of Longford Conservationists, said: "The district auditor has made clear that responsibility for the neglect lies squarely with the council. It is not unreasonable to ask them to pay the £1 million damage that neglect has caused. Otherwise it is municipal vandalism."

Trafford council has agreed to carry out substantial repairs to Stretford civic theatre, another Rylands benefaction less than a mile away. The council believes that this would be a greater community benefit although it accepts that preserving the parkland surrounding the hall is of paramount importance.

The environment department says that a decision on the future of the hall and the possibility of a public inquiry into its demolition will be made soon.

Territorial Army promotions

The Ministry of Defence announces the following promotions:

Lieutenant to Captain

Capt S J Adams RLC, Capt P S Afendoulis RLC, Capt J H S Akerman QRL, Capt J D A Alexander Green Howards, Capt J Allan RAMC, Capt A Allport RLC, Capt R J Allwood RLC, Capt G Archibald RLC, Capt J A Armstrong RLC, Capt K A E Arthur RLC, Capt R S Atkinson RLC, Capt C E Baker RLC, Capt B J A Baldwin RLC, Capt I D S Barrow Int Corps, Capt G P Barwick RLC, Capt K J Bazeley RE, Capt A T Bell RE, Capt S W Bellerby RLC, Capt S W Bennet RLC, Capt P R Berendt RA, Capt K J Bettison RLC, Capt A Beveridge 51 Highland, Capt J E Bickle RLC, Capt D J Bicknell RLC, Capt R T M Bishop AGC(PRO), Capt K J Blackburn RLC, Capt K Blackwell RLC, Capt S A Bladen RLC, Capt G F Blair RLC, Capt C J Blomfield RLC, Capt P Blyth PWO, Capt A H Bond RLC, Capt J C Borrows AGC(PRO), Capt J J Boyd TD RAMC, Capt M Bradley RLC, Capt R Bradley MM PWO, Capt R Bradley BEM Green Howards, Capt G Brennan RLC, Capt R H Brown D AND D, Capt J R Bullen RLC, Capt R H Bullock RLC, Capt D J Burbridge The London Regt, Capt D N Burke D AND D, Capt A A Burns RLC, Capt K N Burrow TD RLC, Capt J G Burt RLC.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Aungles and Miss K.F. Chadder
The engagement is announced between Glenn, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Aungles, of Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, and Kate Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.V.J. Chadder, of Wimbledon, SW19.

Mr N.F. Buxton and Miss H.L. Jewson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry Buxton, of Wareside, Hertfordshire, and Henrietta, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Jewson, of Barnham Broom, Norfolk.

Mr D.C. Edward and Miss M.K. Kurtz
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Edward, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr M. Kurtz, of Henderson, Nevada, USA, and Mrs L. Honeycutt, of Valley, Nebraska, USA.

Mr A.M.P. Gellett and Ms K.A. Sheraton
Tony Gellett and Kate Sheraton are pleased to announce their engagement.

Mr M. Inglis and Miss C.S.L. Simmonds
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mrs J. Leskovac and the late Mr G. Inglis, of Birstall, West Yorkshire, and Charlotte Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mrs P. Scott-Smith and Mr S. Simmonds, of Great Whelnetham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Sydney, Australia.

Mr R.B. Kauntze and Miss R.L.C. Pratt
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr C.R.S. Kauntze, of West Hampstead, London, and Mrs Marta Kauntze, of Longthorpe, Peterborough, and Rachel, daughter of Professor and Mrs K.L. Pratt, of Durham.

Mr D.M. Rivers-Moore and Miss T.S. Weeks
The engagement is announced between David Mark, youngest son of the late Mr Henry Rivers Rivers-Moore and of Mrs Hettie Mary Rivers-Moore, of South Brent, Devon, and Tanya Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Julius A. Weeks, of Jarvis Brook, East Sussex.

Mr G.W. Yarde-Leavett and Miss L. Welch
The engagement is announced between Giles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Yarde-Leavett, of Fyfield, Andover, Hampshire, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Welch, of Sunnyside, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Service appointments

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
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R C Lane-Nott - MOD London 9/93
To be promoted Rear Admiral 01.09.93; R G Hastilow - Invincible in Cmd 20.12.93; R A Highton - MOD Yeovilton 12.01.94; A W Netherclift - Portsmouth 17.12.93.
Commander
B N Darch - MOD London 18.01.94;
N C Jackson - MOD London 21.09.93
Surgeon Commander (D)
R M Stevenson - Illustrious 26.10.93.
D L Thomas - Ark Royal 12.11.93
Surgeon Commander
A Yates - Ark Royal 22.10.93

Retirements
Commander
J W Beatty - 20.11.93; J A Strain - 15.11.93; A T White - 07.09.93

Latest wills

Sir Robin McAlpine, of London WC1, chairman of Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, building and civil engineering contractors, 1967-77, a racehorse owner and breeder whose horse Circus Plume won The Oaks in 1984, a member of the Jockey Club and a past chairman of the Race Horse Owners' Association, left estate valued at £17,231,908 net.

Other wills include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Thomas Fleming **Trollope-Bellew**, of Crowcombe, Somerset ..... £1,582,122.

Mr Evelyn Raymond **Wheatley-Hubbard**, of Boyton, Wiltshire ..... £884,675.

Mr Alfred **Wise**, of Ripon, North Yorkshire ..... £854,349.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Do good, Lord, to the good, to those who are upright in heart. But those who turn aside into crooked ways, may the Lord make them go the way of evildoers!
Psalm 125 : 4,5.

BIRTHS

AGHAI - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful daughter to Viviane and Ezra, Ariella, a sister to Susan and Joy.

ALLEN - On 16th August, to Emma (née Stirland) and Derek, a daughter, Fay Marie, a sister for Nathan.

BARON - On August 17th, to Rebecca and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Louise.

BOWLER - On August 18th, to Angela (née Roberts) and Jonathan, a son, William.

BRERETON - On August 16th, to Louise (née Angus) and Colin, a son, Oliver Drummond, a brother to Kate and George.

CAMP - On August 13th at the excellent Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, to Judy and Lucian, a son, Oliver William, a brother for Chloe.

CERVERA - On August 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Maria del Mar (née Manca) and Miguel, a beautiful son, Juan Carlos.

COUTURIER - On 21st August in Paris, to Jane (née Goodman) and Luc, a daughter, Louise Cécile, a sister for James.

DAWSON - On July 28th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Eileen (née Wilson) and Peter, a beautiful son, James Peter Douglas, a brother for Caroline.

GRANBY - On 16th August, to Emma (née Watkins) and David, a daughter, Violet Diana Louise.

BIRTHS

GRANT - On August 22nd at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Tracey (née Bebbrad) and Harold, a son, William James Fitzmaurice.

HAKIM-BILMES - On 30th June 1993 to Linda Bilmes and Jonathan Hakim, a son, Stephen Daniel Joseph, 2 brother for William.

HAMPDEN-SMITH - On August 12th in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Tessa (née Ward) and Mark, a son, Harrison (Harry), a brother for Emily.

HANNINGTON - On Tuesday 17th August, to Gina (née Barun) and Kevin, a son, Toby Paul.

LEWIS - Born to Alan and Wendy on 22nd August a perfect son, Henry, young forever.

LITTLEWOOD - On August 20th at the American Hospital of Paris, to Robin and Nicholas, a daughter, Cosima Sophie Hortense.

NICOLSON - On August 10th 1993 at The Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Fiona (née Shaw) and Richard, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Marshall.

PILLER - On August 21st, to Jenni (née Fisk) and Richard, a daughter, Sophie Victoria Clare.

REDSHAW - On August 21st at the RCHC Winchester, to Tessa (née Lambert) and Clive, a son, Thomas.

SHOVLIN - On Friday 20th August, to Sally (née Hill) and Ian, first-born daughter, Eleanor Lucy.

STEWART - On August 19th, to Anne (née Millar) and John, a daughter, Cosima Mary.

TAYLOR - On August 18th, to Victoria ("Vicki", née Thorpe) and Peter, a daughter, Katharine Phillippa Burleigh ("Kate").

BIRTHS

WELLAND - On 21st August 1993 in Los Angeles, to Caroline (née Ames) and Paul, a daughter, Isabella Violet, a sister for Max and Hannah.

WHITMORE - On August 21st, to Sara (née Tiarks) and James, a son, Harry James John.

WONG - On August 20th 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Jaclyn and Kennedy, a son, Alister Yu Ngai, a brother for Andrea, Gregory and Philippa.

MARRIAGES

CLARKE-DANIELSEN - The marriage took place on August 21st in Liverpool Metropolitan R.C. Cathedral between Mr John James Clarke of Bebington, Wirral and Miss Nina Danielsen of Bergen, Norway.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

AGAR-JENKINS - George to Hilary Elaine on August 24th 1968 at St Mary's Church, Sandbach.

DEATHS

BAXTER - On August 19th, suddenly, from a rare illness, Kenneth Gary, aged 47. Beloved husband of Diane and father of Claire and a much loved son, brother, uncle and friend to so many. Unique and irreplaceable.

DEATHS

BODEN - (née Bulkie) on Friday 20th August 1993, in Cornwall, Margaret Traill, aged 87 years, formerly of Parc Avallen, Mylor, Cornwall and Tankerness House, Orkney. Funeral Service at 3.40 pm on Thursday 26th August at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, Cornwall (Kernow Chapel).

BROWN - On August 21st 1993, Joan (née Westcott) of Peebles, Scotland and previously of Tigoni, Kenya, at Hay Lodge Hospital, Peebles, after a long brave struggle against cancer. Most dearly loved daughter of Judy, wife of Duncan and mother of Belinda, Georgina and Victoria. Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Peebles, on Friday August 27th at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

BURN - John Anthony Douglas, unconditionally loving husband, father and friend, inventor and pioneer. Peacefully on 22nd August 1993 aged 56. Funeral Service at Fringford Church on Thursday 26th August at 12.15 pm. Flowers c/o L. Hartness Funeral Directors tel: (0869) 253282 or donations to Bristol Cancer Care.

CHEKE - Dudley John, on 20th August, aged 91. Much loved husband of the late Yvonne and father of Anthony and Robert. Funeral at Bramley Parish Church, near Basingstoke, 2.30 pm Friday August 27th.

CLARKE - On 21st August, Averil Innes, beloved wife of John, adored mother of June, Suki and Jonathan. Funeral on Friday 27th August at All Saints Church, Highbrook, Ardingly, Sussex at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries please to P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, tel: (0444) 451166.

DEATHS

COULTHARD - On August 22nd, peacefully at Coleg Elidyr, Caroline aged 52, beloved daughter of Molly. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Friday August 27th at Coleg Elidyr, Rhandirmwyn, Llandovery SA20 0NL. No flowers please but donations in Caroline's memory may be sent to Coleg Elidyr.

CRIDLIN - On August 18th, at St Helier Hospital, William in his 79th year, Husband of Ella Cridlin, father of Christine, Ted and Tony. Much loved grandfather, brother of Mary and Eric.

GETZ - Don, on August 22nd 1993. Died peacefully after a brief illness. Adored father of Audrey Lentz and Janis Bear, grandfather of Melanie, Greg, Emily and Daisy, brother of Joyce Buck and uncle of Joan Juliet Buck. Service today, August 24th, at 4 pm at Golders Green Crematorium. He will be mourned and greatly missed by his family and all who knew and loved him.

GRAY - On August 19th Norah (née Hadley), aged 83, widow of Archie Gray, beloved mother of Peter (decd) and Robert, mother-in-law of Merle Christine, grandmother of Beatrice and Frederic. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road (opposite Stanley Gardens) W11, on Friday August 27th at 11 am. Enquiries to (071) 229-4267.

GUEST - On Saturday 21st August, peacefully in Camberley, Maisie Guest (née McLay) aged 87, much loved wife, mother and grandmother. The funeral will be at St Mary's Church, Park Road, Camberley, at 12.30 pm on Friday 27th August.

DEATHS

HAMBRO - On August 20th 1993 peacefully at home in Harpenden, Linnet, aged 91 years, widow of Jack and much loved Aunt of Cherry. Funeral Service at Parish Church of St Mary's, Old Knebworth, on Friday August 27th at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Goodchild Funeral Directors, 7 Catherine Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire, tel: (01727) 863177.

HUMPHREYS - On August 20th at Wappingthorn Manor Rest Home, Steyning, Pat, wife of the late Jack Humphreys. Loved mother of Kay Harington and very loving "Granny Pat" to Charlie and Zara. Cremation at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday August 26th at 11.30 am. All enquiries to Chaicraft Ltd, Steyning, tel: (0903) 812656.

HUTTON - Antony William, at Ahrstaie General Hospital on August 21st, beloved husband of Joanna, father of Jonathan, Caroline, James, Sarah, Mary and Christopher; also a very dear father-in-law and grandfather. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Funeral at 11 am on Friday August 27th at St Michael & All Angels Parish Church, Haworth, prior to interment in Haworth Cemetery. Relatives and friends please meet at Church. Flowers may be sent to 8 Pedley, East Terrace, Cross Roads, Keighley before 10 am.

IRISH - Nancy, Widow of the late Colonel E.G. Irish RADC. Died peacefully 19th August 1993 at St Monica's Home, Bristol. Cremation Thursday September 2nd 2.40 pm at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. No flowers.

LEWIS - On August 21st after a long illness, Robert Chotmeley, aged 76. Dear friend and husband of Lorraine and father of Elizabeth, Antony and Daniel. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St James' Church, Shere, on Friday 27th August at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome but no flowers please.

DEATHS

LINDSAY - On August 22nd 1993, Muriel Katharine Angus Lindsay, aged 84, wife of the late Charles Lindsay, and mother of Angus and Adam of 5 Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. Private cremation on Thursday 26th August and Meeting for Thanksgiving on Saturday 11th September at 2 pm at Friends Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford. No black ties.

NESS - On August 20th 1993, peacefully at home, Anthony Patrick. Funeral Service on Thursday 26th August at Albury Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations to Missions to Seamen c/o Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 3AL.

ROBERTS - On 20th August 1993, aged 90 years, Henry Dargan "Rob", late of Standard Chartered Bank. Beloved husband of Joan and the late Sybil, Brother of Kathleen Cassidy. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Friday 27th August at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory if desired for The National Trust to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

SALTER - On August 16th, suddenly in France, Dr. Aarian John aged 69. Adored husband of Patricia, best beloved father of Nicola, Mark and Joanna and loving grandfather. Funeral to be arranged. Donations to Brit. Heart Found., Nat. Asthma & Campaign, c/o family.

SIMON - On 22nd August peacefully at home in Shoreham, Roger A. Simon, Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre, Free French, Ex-RAF. Deeply loved husband of Barbara and father to David and of Henry and Marie-Louise. Family cremation private. No flowers. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund.

DEATHS

SEVASTOPULO - On August 21st, peacefully at home after a short illness, Constantine John George, aged 85. Dear husband of the late Peggy and much loved father to Robert. Cremation at Charing, Kent, on Friday August 27th at 11.30 am. Flowers and further enquiries to J. Perigoe & Son, Bank Street, Cranbrook. (0580) 713636.

STRAKER - On August 20th, suddenly whilst sailing off Corsica, Hugh, beloved husband of Jillie and loyal and loving father of Philip, Nicholas, Matthew, Reuben and Lucas; much loved grandfather. Funeral at Warden Church 3 pm August 31st.

TALBOT - On Sunday 22nd August 1993, peacefully at home, Theodora Naomi of Portscatho, Dearly loved mother of Joanna, Barbara and Veronica, Wife of the late G. Keith Talbot. A service will take place at Gerrans Church on Thursday 26th August at 2pm proceeded by family cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research c/o Terence Tregenna Funeral Director, 49 Kenwyn Street, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3DB.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLOOM - Ronald. A Memorial Service will be held to commemorate the life of Ronnie Bloom at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, at 2 pm September 3rd 1993.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

LIVSEY - Bill, 24th August 1990, so much loved, so much missed. Always remembered. Angela, Andrew and Fiona.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR PETER STOTT

Professor Peter Stott, civil engineer and president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1989-90, died on August 16 aged 66. He was born on August 8, 1927.



CIVIL engineers generally reach eminence late in life, their reputations built on decades of solid experience and achievements. Peter Stott was a spectacular exception. A scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge, where he gained a double first; a partnership in the consulting engineering firm of G. Maunsell & Partners, in charge of major civil engineering works, while still in his twenties; chief engineer at the London County Council with a staff of 4,500 in his mid-thirties; and still only in his mid-forties when he became director-general of the National Water Council on its establishment in 1973.

A brilliant analyst, he applied his skills first to engineering design and later to wider administrative and political issues. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to take a complex issue, apply some clear thinking, and present a simple analysis on a few sides of paper. The intellectual rigour which which he followed up his conclusions frequently upset those affected by the resulting changes. On the other hand, he was endearingly earnest and straightforward, also extraordinarily loyal to close colleagues. Throughout his life he had all the enthusiasm and much of the restlessness of a schoolboy. If he had a failing, it was perhaps a lack of guile and, in his own words, he did not have "the killer instinct of a captain of industry".

Stott joined the great engineer, Guy Maunsell, straight from university, first as personal assistant and later as partner. He established a reputation as one of the world's leading bridge engineers, working predominantly in the rapidly developing field of prestressed concrete. His works included the Hammersmith Flyover in London, Britain's first major structure of its kind and still one of the best, and a succession of bridges in Australia — Commonwealth and King's Avenue bridges in Canberra, Gladesville Arch in Sydney, and The Tasman Bridge in Hobart.

With his reputation established he surprised his colleagues in 1963 by accepting the post of chief engineer at the LCC. The challenge of being in the driving seat for London's transport revolution had proved irresistible. Thereafter he became director of Highways and Transportation in the newly-formed Greater London Council.

He had two great achievements in this period. The first was the creation of the Department of Planning and Transportation at the GLC, which combined these two functions for the first time ever in local government, and preceded the formation of the Department of the Environment which had the same effect for central government. The second was the Greater London Development Plan which, for the first time, provided an understanding of how transport works in London. He conceived the concept of "dynamic balance" between provision for road traffic in London, and traffic restraint: he was to be disappointed on both sides of the scales. The new roads which he considered essential, including the motorway box, were never built; equally, neither were restraint measures pursued. Only now is government taking seriously the road-pricing concepts which Stott was advocating at that time.

In 1973 the water industry was being reorganised and the National Water Council was created as a forum for advising ministers and promoting efficiency. Stott was invited to become director-general and, once again, found the challenge irresistible. He took particular pride in the 1978 review of the water industry which, in a short document, provided for the first time a complete perspective of the whole industry.

However, the Thatcher government wanted to accelerate change in the water industry and saw the National Water Council as an obstacle; its demise was all but inevitable and when the NWC was abolished in 1983 it was no surprise to Stott.

He was then appointed professor for the small civil engineering department at King's College, London. He soon recognised that there was no future for the department in its current form: it would have to expand substantially, amalgamate or close. When it became clear to him that the former two options were not practicable he had no hesitation in implementing the closure of the department in 1989. During this period, he became chairman of the Quality Scheme for Ready Mixed Concrete and was instrumental in changing this important quality assurance service from being inward-looking to one that served the industry's customers with an established reputation of being truly independent.

Stott was president of the Institution of Highway Engineers from 1971-72; secretary-general of the International Water Supply Association, 1980-83; vice-chairman of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, 1980-82; and (his proudest achievement) president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1989-90, where he implemented a major reorganisation. At the time of his death, he was working with all his usual enthusiasm as honorary editor of the institution's leading journal, *Civil Engineering*.

He is survived by his wife Vee and two sons, Andrew and Richard.

SALAH JADID

Salah Jadid, the effective ruler of Syria from January 1965 to November 1970 and later the country's longest-serving political prisoner, died in the fortress of Mezze, Damascus, on August 19 aged 67 years. He was born near the Alawite coastal town of Jableh in 1926.

TOGETHER with Syria's present dictator, Hafiz Asad, and the late General Muhammad Umran, Salah Jadid planned and executed the Baathist seizure of power in the country in 1963 and became its virtual ruler at the beginning of 1965, when General Umran was ousted by the other two members of the trio. Six years later, when he was himself overthrown by Asad, he would not provide his old friend with an admission of defeat, thereby ensuring his incarceration until his death.

As with the other two conspirators, Jadid was born into Syria's Alawite religious minority with a strong sense of resentment against the Sunni establishment in Damascus. His family were small-holders in the village of Duwayr B'abda, near the coastal town of Jableh, which conferred on him a higher social rank than Asad's poor background afforded. But again, as with the other two men, he joined the armed forces after secondary education as the best route of advancement for members of the despised religious minority.

The trio met in Cairo in 1959, then the capital of the ill-fated United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria (UAR), where they were posted as part of a policy of mingling the two countries' armies. There, they were drawn together not only by their unhappiness with the new, provincial status of Syria in the union, but also by the dissolution of their political party, the Arab Socialist Renaissance (Baath) party, which the Egyptian president, Gamal Abdel Nasser, had made a condition of the venture.

They supported the union, but nevertheless formed a secret military committee to revive the party and to warn Nasser of the unhappiness of the Syrian people. When in 1961, a right-wing military coup in Damascus put an end to the UAR, they were thrown into jail in Egypt until exchanged for a number of Egyptian officers imprisoned in Syria.

Back in Damascus, the three men found themselves demobilised in an unstable, chaotic country. They immediately set about reviving the military wing of the Baath party to organise a coup. In March 1963, against all the odds, they succeeded. Then began a struggle among themselves for supreme power, which resulted in General Umran being dispatched to Spain as ambassador and Jadid becoming the country's effective ruler.

However, despite his personal abhorrence of luxury and privilege, his policy of widespread nationalisation and his brutal repression of critics made him unpopular. His time in power also coincided with the Arab defeat by Israel in the six-day war of 1967 and with the humiliation of Syria when it half-heartedly tried to intervene on the side of the Palestinians in King Hussein's brutal "Black September" of 1970. Two months later, Jadid's rule came to an abrupt end when he stripped Asad of his military posts at a congress of the ruling party. Asad, who had been given command of the armed forces, disregarded the congress and arrested its leaders.

For the next 23 years, Jadid was held in the fortress of Mezze, near Damascus, out of bounds to visitors. To justify his detention, President Asad's supporters say that in the last confrontation between the two men, Jadid, as the prisoner, had threatened to "drag you on the streets of Damascus until you die". If true, the stubborn display would be in character.

IVAN BILIBIN

Ivan Bilibin, chancellor to the late Grand Duke of Vladimir of Russia and monitoring pioneer, died on August 9 aged 84. He was born in St Petersburg on December 26, 1908 (December 13 according to the Julian calendar).

IVAN BILIBIN, son of the distinguished painter Ivan Bilibin, was privileged to be chancellor to the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia at the time of the fall of communism, when the centre of gravity of the Russian monarchist movement was shifted from exile to Russia. He was also one of the pioneers of radio monitoring.

Bilibin was educated at St Paul's School and at St John's College, Oxford, where he read classics. He had been stranded in England by the Russian revolution of 1917 while travelling with his mother on a visit to seek medical treatment for his elder brother.

After some years as a freelance journalist, Bilibin was engaged by the *Daily Express* to work in the experimental monitoring unit set up by Lord Beaverbrook at his estate near Leatherhead. The first scoop was provided by Stalin's speech on the new Soviet constitution in 1936, and Beaverbrook's *Evening Standard* was provided with quotations while the speech was still in progress. Other scoops were provided by the flights over the North Pole to America in 1937, and the rescue of Papanin's Arctic expedition in the same year.

In 1940 Bilibin joined the BBC monitoring service, which had been set up the previous year at Evesham and he stayed with the BBC until his retirement. With many distinguished colleagues from the early years of the BBC monitoring service, Bilibin helped to develop the techniques of monitoring and to build up the BBC's formidable reputation for delivering fast and accurate translations of foreign leaders' speeches and other invaluable source material.

Bilibin will be particularly remembered by his colleagues for predicting the collapse of the USSR decades before the event. Those who met his unswerving belief with scepticism can forgive him for setting the date, based on a study of the life-spans of tyrannies, about a decade too early.



Somewhat surprisingly for an anti-communist and devout adherent of the Russian Orthodox Church in exile, Bilibin displayed a remarkable tolerance towards those members of the Church in the USSR who were thought by some critics to have done too much in bending before communism. He regarded the Russian hierarchy's pro-Soviet political statements as a kind of "stamp duty" that was worth paying in order to maintain a visible presence inside the USSR of an intrinsically anti-Soviet organisation.

In 1927, just before going up to Oxford, Bilibin joined the Young Russian Union, a movement of youthful Russian exiles devoted to political reform within the framework of Russian tradition. It was as a representative of that body that he was first introduced to the Romanov family.

Bilibin regarded his service to the Russian monarchist cause as the main purpose of his life. His position in the BBC monitoring service was an ideal vantage-point from which to watch events unfold in the USSR, and in due course he became a valued political adviser to Grand Duke Vladimir. He drafted many of the Grand Duke's important political statements, including the "Address to My Compatriots" which was published in Boris Yeltsin's newspaper *Russia* in January 1991. This was the first such address to be published in the Soviet Union since the murder of the Imperial family in 1918.

After performing a number of other services, Bilibin was later appointed private secretary and subsequently chancellor to the Grand Duke. In 1984-85 he published a book on the laws of succession to the Russian throne. His book, which appeared in Russian, English and French, is now a standard work of reference.

In recognition of his services, Bilibin was made a knight of the Order of St Andrew, the Russian monarchy's highest award, shortly before his death, and his funeral near Reading on August 13 was attended by Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Maria of Russia.

In 1942 Bilibin married Jean Stevenson, one of the very first members of the BBC monitoring service, who survives him. They had no children.

NICOLETTE POWELL

Nicolette Powell, wife of the pop singer Georgie Fame (Clive Powell) and, from 1958 to 1971, first wife of the Marquess of Londonderry, died after a fall from Clifton suspension bridge, Bristol, on August 13 aged 52.

WHEN a vivacious stockbroker's daughter, Nicolette Harrison, married the ninth Marquess of Londonderry in the ancient Wessex village of Wilton in 1958 the omens seemed set fair. She was young — only 17 — extremely pretty and wealthy in her own right. She was barely out of finishing school and had been one of the last debutantes to be presented to the Queen.

Her 20-year-old husband, who had run a jazz band at Eton called the Eton Five, spoke seriously of a musical career. His sister was the dashing Lady Annabel Birley (now Lady Annabel Goldsmith), who had given her name to the West End club Annabel's.

Londonderry had also gained himself a moment of minor notoriety in 1957 when he associated himself with criticisms of the monarchy made by the second Lord Altrincham (the writer John Grigg, who disclaimed his barony for life in 1963). In a letter to the *New Statesman* Londonderry had spoken of "toothpaste smiles" and "deplorable taste in clothes". Altrincham's criticisms had been of a considerably more serious nature. The London homes of both peers had been daubed with slogans by Empire Loyalists.

The Londonderry marriage seemed, then, a union of like and vital spirits. The Marchioness certainly demonstrated a penchant for fast driving and over a period of years had a number of speeding convictions against her. The press took a lenient view. All this seemed little more than the usual exuberance of people who have plenty of money to spend and time in which to do it. The comely face of Lady Londonderry, gazing calmly out of the pages of newspapers over accounts of her recklessness, hardly seemed to be the stuff of which criminality is forged.



Nicolette Marchioness of Londonderry on the day she married Georgie Fame in February 1972

Meanwhile, the Marquess spent a large sum of money converting the family mansion, Wynard House, on his 9,000-acre Co Durham estate into a comfortable family home. Two daughters, Lady Sophia and Lady Cosima, followed, in 1959 and 1961. Problems began when, in September 1969, the Marchioness of Londonderry produced a son, Tristan Alexander, who should have been heir to the Londonderry title and Viscount Castlereagh.

The Marquess claimed that the child was not his. Blood tests bore out his contention, indicating at the same time that the father was the pop-singer Georgie Fame (real name Clive Powell). The child was stripped of his title. The Marquess sued his wife for divorce, citing Powell as co-respondent. He was granted a decree *nisi* in December 1970 and this was made absolute in March the following year.

In 1972 Georgie Fame married Nicolette Marchioness of Londonderry at a Marylebone register office ceremony. In marked contrast to the understated nuptials of 14 years before the pair were mobbed by Fame fans. Putting the scandal behind them, they settled down to a quiet life together and had another son James, now aged 20. Fame, whose pop-singing career had been in decline since the latter 1960s re-formed his band, the Blue Flames, in 1974. His first son Tristan now 23, became a recording engineer and guitarist. James became a drummer.

Nicolette Powell is survived by her husband, her two sons and the two daughters of her first marriage.

HIS HONOUR HENRY ELAM

His Honour Henry Elam, a judge for 23 years, died on August 13 aged 89. He was born on November 29, 1903.

BEFORE becoming in 1953 what was later known as a circuit judge, Henry Elam had practised at the criminal Bar for more than a quarter of a century. Although never perhaps destined for the High Court, he had a solid practice — which included appearing on behalf of the escaped Broadmoor child murderer, John Thomas Straffen, both at his trial and before the Court of Criminal Appeal in 1952.

He was a highly regarded advocate who could be a formidable cross-examiner but he also made something of a speciality out of the neglected art of pleas in mitigation. By the time he left the Bar for the Bench — after serving for three years as second senior Treasury counsel at the Old Bailey — he was one of the most experienced of juniors just as, by the time of his retirement in 1976, he was one of the most senior of circuit court judges.

Henry Elam, the son of Thomas Henry Elam of Sackville Street, London, W1, was educated at Charterhouse and at Lincoln College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1927 and his early professional years, before first going to the Old Bailey in 1937, were spent on the Western Circuit. In the second world war he served as deputy judge advocate for the Royal Air Force, also becoming in 1941 Recorder of Poole. During his last seven years at the Bar he served as Recorder of Exeter.

Elam's formal appointment on going on to the Bench in 1953 was as deputy chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions, Inner London (an office which in those days did not entitle its holder to be addressed as anything else but plain "Mr"). All that, however, was changed with the passing of the Courts Act of 1971 when permanent chairmen or deputy chairmen of quarter sessions were classified as circuit judges and formally became entitled to the appellation of "Your Honour". Such things, however, mattered little to Elam who was always the most modest and approachable of men.

As a judge, he was extremely popular with all the counsel who appeared before him, recognising him (as they did) for the kindly and gentle person that he naturally was. He loathed sending offenders to prison or borstal and would do anything to avoid it if he could, while never shirking his duty if it seemed to him inevitable. One of his favourite ruses was to postpone sentencing — say, from Friday until after the weekend — thereby giving those who had been convicted a fright without necessarily having to send them down for long jail terms.

Unaffected by the rules subsequently introduced to enforce a compulsory retirement age, Elam stayed on the Bench until his 73rd year. He then retired to Sussex, where, as well as being a devoted fisherman, he occasionally lent a judicial hand at Lewes Crown Court. His first wife, whom he married in 1930, died in 1975 and he married again in the same year a neighbour in Sussex, Doris Horsford. She survives him together with a daughter of his first marriage.

JOSÉ GARMENDIA

José L. Garmendia, Costa Rican diplomat, died in Miami, Florida, on August 14 aged 71. He was born in Havana, Cuba, on August 11, 1922.

JOSÉ GARMENDIA represented the British Aircraft Corporation in Central America from 1961 to 1970 before entering the Costa Rican diplomatic service. He had been due to take over as head of mission at the Costa Rican embassy in London.

From 1970 he was minister-counsellor to the Costa Rican embassies in El Salvador, Paris, London, and the United Nations in New York.

He was also an adviser to the Costa Rican president, Oscar Arias, assisting in the formulation of the Central American peace plan put forward by Arias in 1986 to end the conflicts in the region, and for which Arias won the Nobel Peace Prize the following year.

Garmendia was appointed an honorary CBE in 1970.

RUSSIAN-POLISH WAR

HOW POLAND WOULD BE RULED

... I motored on Thursday in company with an American journalist and a Staff Officer through the village of Radzymin, which has been taken and re-taken twice over in the battle for Warsaw ...

We crossed the river by boat, and arrived at Wyszkow, on the other side, which is the nearest place to Warsaw that the Provisional Soviet Government of Poland reached as its seat. Here the Commissars Dzerjinsky, Marchlewski and Kon arrived on Sunday, August 15, leaving hurriedly the next day—but not for Warsaw. In the village street we met a priest, at whose house the Commissars stayed, a rubicund, jovial cleric, who chatted freely about his uninvited guests. It was obvious that they made a considerable impression upon his simple soul. Kon and Dzerjinsky seemed to have discussed religion with him readily. Christianity should be treated as in the days of the catacombs, was their opinion. The Church would be tolerated as long as it did not interfere with politics. The way Dzerjinsky put it to the priest was, "You may only speak about Heaven, otherwise you will get a bullet in your head."

A woman came in and complained that her house had been taken for the Tcheresvytchaika (the Extraordinary Commission). It had a big garden, with a big cellar. The priest brought her complaint before Dzerjinsky, and protested that he had assured him that he was not going to kill people. "No, but we must remove a person sometimes," was the reply.

The trio, who were to form Poland's first government of the new age, had a list of all the big shops in Warsaw, and had appointed "a committee to count war trophies"; in other words, a committee to distribute loot ...

The Red Commissars ate little, and did not drink, the priest's quaint comment to us on this being, "Beware of idealists." He seemed to prefer the general who drank freely during the "conference" held in his parlour. The general said that there were many thousands of Communists in Warsaw who would murder the *bourgeoise* when the Red Army approached. The few peasants who owned a fair amount of land would be killed, Dzerjinsky's cynical explanation being, "The land does not belong to anybody, you see."

We saw where in the streets paper still adhered to the walls which had been plastered with proclamations by the Bolshevists. There was a long document containing abuse of Marshal Pilsudski, the landowners and capitalists, promising free education, and that the factories would soon be in the hands of the workmen. All the Bolshevists had time to do in Wyszkow, however, was to take as many carts as they could lay their hands on to serve for transport. Sometimes they took horses, and the peasants themselves to drive them. Many women are crying in Wyszkow today, despairing of ever seeing their husbands again. Moreover, the cart is the peasant's chief stock-in-trade, and it is unlikely that any survivors whose carts have gone will be favourably impressed by Bolshevism.

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Only about 40,000 of the expected 265,000 places remain vacant, with almost 133,000 applications still under consideration. More than 210,000 have been rejected, almost 26,500 more than at the same stage last year ..... Page 1

Tory factional rift exposed

■ Conservative party tensions flared yesterday as Tristan Garel-Jones, the former foreign office minister, was named as the possible organiser of a vendetta against right-wing critics of John Major. Tory leaders tried to calm the bitter battle after potential victims accused their opponents on the left of attempting to plunge the party into civil war ..... Page 1

Gang seals village

Armed robbers sealed off the village of Rothbury, Northumbria, early yesterday while they forced their way into a post office and stole the safe. Telephone lines were cut to enable the gang to work undisturbed ..... Page 1

Rail rumblings

The government braced itself for a rebellion from its backbenchers over rail privatisation after it refused to rule out fare increases of almost twelve times the rate of inflation ..... Page 2

Lost in space

Nasa scientists were last night battling to find a space craft lost 450 million miles from Earth. The £590 million Mars Observer, a linchpin in America's push to colonise the red planet, disappeared as its thrusters were being readied for orbit ..... Page 3

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Miners involved in last week's fatal accident at Bilsthorpe colliery have vowed never to work underground again ..... Page 5

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Judge Stephen Tumim said yesterday that while he supported providing prisoners with greater opportunities for work and training, this would have far-reaching financial implications ..... Page 8

Mostar denied

Bosnian Croats continued last night to thwart the United Nations from getting a convoy into the besieged Muslim sector of Mostar, denying 55,000 people urgent supplies ..... Page 9

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Azerbaijani troops have abandoned a key town near the Iranian border, another victory for Armenians from the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh ..... Page 9

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A trove of secret documents relating to the Kennedy assassination were declassified. But it may be some time before any nuggets come to light ..... Page 10

Hostages released

Nicaragua's hostage crisis appeared closer to resolution yesterday after rival groups released some prisoners and promised to let others go in return for government concessions ..... Pages 10, 15

Nasser's legacy

Only now, 20 years after Nasser's death, is Egypt emerging from his economic legacy: a bloated civil service, an ambitious welfare state and a state sector as large and inefficient as any in a former communist country ..... Page 10

Hands across Rhine

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, is to venture across the Rhine to prove that the Franco-German treaty is more than a special relationship whose day has passed ..... Page 11

Sunken U-boat raised from seabed

■ A German U-boat which was depth-charged by the RAF in the dying days of the second world war was raised from the seabed off Denmark yesterday following a salvage operation involving a Danish-Dutch consortium. The salvagers are hoping that U-534 may contain important Nazi war documents, and possibly even treasure ..... Page 11



A Nicaraguan national police officer warning his colleagues and television journalists to take cover after gunfire from a house in Managua where a pro-Sandinista guerrilla group were holding hostages. Report, Page 10; Leading article, Page 15

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Athletics: The British athletics team attracted far greater interest than the pop group, Take That, when they arrived at Heathrow airport from the world championships in Stuttgart yesterday to banners and chanting ..... Page 32

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Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index drifted down by 15.6 points to 3042.0 as investors awaited the outcome of Thursday's Bundesbank meeting. The pound fell from $1.5100 to $1.5047 but rose from DM2.5379 to DM2.5395 ..... Page 22

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It is tempting to look at Britain's achievements at Stuttgart and conclude that our athletes, like some of our golfers and racing drivers, are natural winners ..... Page 15

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A controversy rages over what role America should play in the conflicts igniting the periphery of the former Soviet Union. Military or even aggressive diplomatic intervention is the wrong response

— The New York Times

The consequence of the new toughness in European immigration policy may turn out to be the opposite of its supposed purpose. These governments risk seeming to legitimize an animus against immigrants

— The Washington Post

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Medina, the four-year old sister of Irma Hadzimuratovic, at an appeal in London yesterday to help victims of the war in Bosnia Page 9



Margaret Owen from Lancaster believes she is the only woman in England licensed professionally to catch salmon with a haffnet Page 6



Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, apologised for wartime atrocities in Asia but held back from offering compensation Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

A chill across the Atlantic

■ "The Special Relationship, much vaunted in the Thatcher-Reagan years, has ended in tears and bitterness." Kate Muir under siege in America

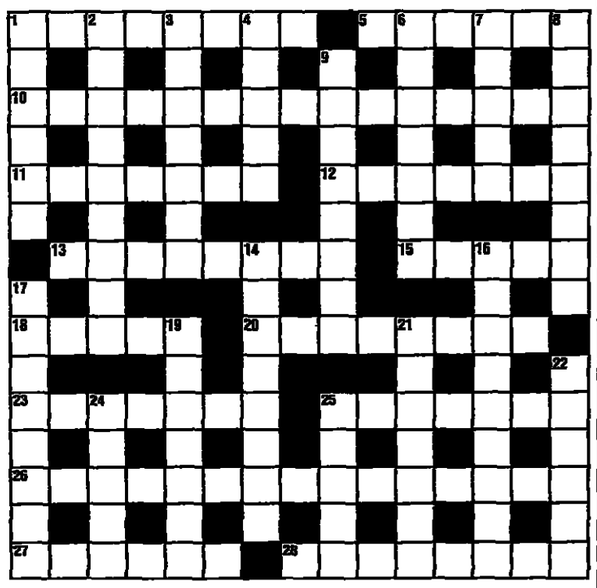
Capital home, comrade

■ It seems there is life in the much-despised rouble yet. The Russians are coming to Britain, their pockets are bulging with cash — and they are looking to buy million-pound properties

Coming full circle

■ What are David Hockney and Tony Harrison doing in a converted wool mill in Yorkshire? Helping to put Salt's Mill on the map as a centre for the arts

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,317



ACROSS

1 Hesitate to put bet on horse past its prime (4,4).
5 Stretches into the future — and the past! (6).
10 Moderate traffic likely here (6-2-3-4).
11 Cornerstone of foreign city church (7).
12 Loud gas explosion in island capital (7).
13 Greek god poisoned in agony (8).
15 Develop diet — without sugar ultimately (5).
18 Many soldiers have the same belief (5).
20 Sam hated being misrepresented in *The Times* — on the front page! (8).
23 He turns out to be the winner by a point (7).
25 The Moor's lieutenant is besieging north Italian town (7).
26 A night twins don't fancy, all the same (15).
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2 It's attractive to see some French style (9).
3 Bale out of African organisation to achieve stability (7).
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6 Ingenious underwater discharge (7).
7 Earth in decay (5).
8 Avoid making a point that is on record (3).
9 Undergraduates reported to be anxious over marks (8).
14 Diplomatic move charmed wayward sweetheart (8).
16 In one article I'm creating perfect harmony (9).
17 Broadcast protected from interference (8).
19 Draft published on policy (7).
21 An architect upset to receive nothing but praise (7).
22 This language may ring a bell (6).
24 Athletic Tuscan keeping fit (5).
25 Rising, for instance, to leave the house in clerical garb (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,316

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WEATHER

Most of southern England and Wales will start dry and fairly sunny. Showers will develop but die out later. England and Wales will be cloudier with showers. Northern Ireland and parts of western Scotland will also be rather cloudy with patchy rain at first. Eastern and central Scotland will have sunny intervals and a few showers. Most parts will be rather cool. Outlook: scattered showers; patchy rain moving into northern parts.

WORLD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Malaga	30	86	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malta	28	82	s
Algiers	31	88	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Miami*	34	93	f
Athens	37	99	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	20	68	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	16	61	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Munich	23	73	r
Barcelona	29	82	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Beirut	30	86	s	Naples	31	88	s
Belgrade	37	99	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Berlin	16	61	c	N York*	26	79	s
Bermuda*	30	86	c	Nice	28	82	s
Biarritz	21	70	d	Oslo	16	61	f
Borde'x	24	75	f	Paris	19	66	s
Brussels	14	57	c	Peking	24	75	r
Budapest	30	86	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	13	55	c
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Chicago*	25	77	f	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	8	46	c	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	14	57	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
C'phagn	17	63	f	Rome	31	88	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Salzburg	23	73	f
Dublin	15	59	s	S F'cisco*	23	73	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	Santiago*	25	77	s
Faro	25	77	c	S Paulo*	19	66	s
Florence	32	90	s	Seoul	29	84	s
Frankfurt	13	55	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	25	77	s	St'kholm	12	54	r
Geneva	19	66	f	Strasb'g	12	54	c
Gibraltar	26	79	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Helsinki	14	57	f	Tangier	25	77	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	31	88	f
Innsbrck	21	70	r	Tenerife	25	77	s
Istanbul	30	86	s	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	15	59	f	Tunis	25	77	s
Karachi	33	91	c	Valencia	30	86	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Venice*	17	63	f
La Tgest	16	61	f	Vienna	30	86	s
Lisbon	26	79	s	Warsaw	25	77	f
Locarno	24	75	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wel'ngton	27	81	f
Luxembg	15	59	c	Zurich	11	52	f
Luxor	37	99	s		21	70	f
Madrid	29	84	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,016.6 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, Dorset, and Torquay, Devon, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Herne Bay, Kent, 1.03in; highest sunshine: Edinburgh, 9.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 06C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.8hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 02C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.3hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.8	0.05	12	54	shower
Anglesey	4.4	0.04	15	59	shower
Aviemore	2.9	0.04	11	52	shower
Belfast	6.0	0.01	15	59	sunny
Birmingham	-	0.48	14	57	rain
Bognor Regis	2.3	0.58	17	63	rain
Bournemouth	1.8	0.37	19	66	cloudy
Bristol	0.8	0.43	18	61	cloudy
Buxton	0.1	0.14	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	0.1	0.19	18	61	cloudy
Clacton	0.6	0.85	15	59	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.3	0.18	15	59	rain
Cromer	0.7	0.47	14	57	rain
Eastbourne	1.8	1.01	17	63	rain
Edinburgh	9.2	0.05	15	59	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.0	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	1.1	0.04	17	63	cloudy
Folkestone	1.4	0.74	15	59	rain
Glasgow	5.2	0.05	15	59	shower
Hastings	1.2	0.62	15	59	rain
Hunstanton	1.1	0.45	15	59	shower
Isle of Man	7.6	-	16	61	sunny
Jersey	-	0.07	17	63	shower
Kinloss	2.2	0.03	9	48	shower
Leeds	0.4	0.07	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.7	0.07	9	48	rain
Liverpool	0.1	0.05	13	55	shower
London	1.9	0.24	18	61	rain
Lowestoft	2.8	0.43	15	59	rain
Manchester	0.1	0.04	13	55	rain
Margate	0.8	1.01	16	61	rain
Milnehead	X	0.11	16	61	cloudy
Morecambe	2.0	-	16	61	cloudy
Newcastle	2.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	4.2	0.01	16	61	bright
Nottingham	0.2	0.63	13	55	cloudy
Plymouth	2.3	0.01	17	63	cloudy
Poole	1.9	0.23	18	64	cloudy
Salcombe	1.3	0.04	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	1.8	0.73	17	63	cloudy
Saunton Snd	2.2	0.11	17	63	cloudy
Scarborough	2.7	0.02	12	54	cloudy
Scilly Isles	6.3	-	16	61	sunny
Sherkin Is	2.1	0.78	17	63	rain
Stornoway	2.8	0.03	11	52	shower
Swanage	0.1	0.46	17	63	rain
Teignmouth	2.0	0.12	18	64	cloudy
Tenby	6.3	0.21	17	63	bright
Tiree	5.3	0.04	13	55	shower
Torquay	1.3	0.05	19	66	cloudy
Weymouth	1.5	0.08	19	66	cloudy

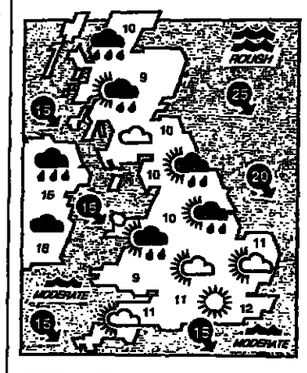
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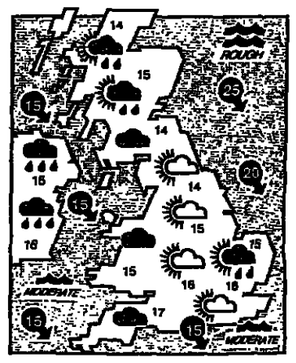
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Australia $	2.331	2.131
Austria Sch	18.92	17.42
Belgium Fr	56.46	52.06
Canada $	2.116	1.956
Cyprus Cypf	0.797	0.747
Denmark Kr	10.96	10.18
Finland Mkk	9.327	8.527
France Fr	9.324	8.624
Germany Dm	2.690	2.480
Greece Dr	371.64	346.64
Hong Kong $	12.39	11.39
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.04
Italy Lira	2497.26	2342.26
Japan Yen	174.58	155.08
Netherlands Gld	3.020	2.790
Norway Kr	11.59	10.79
Portugal Esc	268.55	250.05
South Africa Rd	5.65	4.95
Spain Pta	212.41	198.41
Sweden Kr	12.63	11.83
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.16
Turkey Lira	18000	17000
USA $	1.514	1.484

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.35 pm to 5.30 am
Bristol 8.44 pm to 5.40 am
Edinburgh 8.58 pm to 5.31 am
Manchester 8.48 pm to 5.34 am
Penzance 8.55 pm to 5.53 am

Sun rises: 6.00 am
Sun sets: 8.05 pm
Moon rises 2.35 pm
Moon sets 11.12 pm
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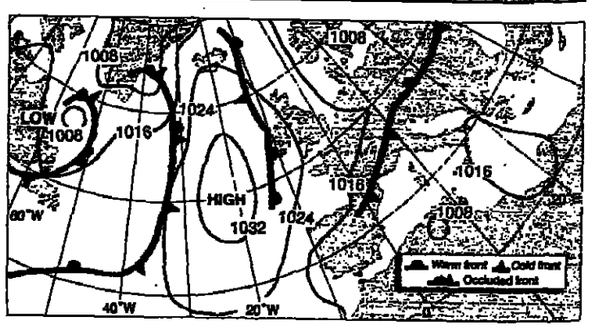
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'mngham	13	55	f	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	13	55	r
Bristol	15	59	f	London	14	57	f
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'nchster	14	57	f
Edinburgh	14	57	c	Newcastle	13	55	c
Glasgow	16	61	f	R'nldsway	14	57	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.10	6.6	7.28	6.6	Liverpool	4.24	8.8	4.53	8.3
Aberdeen	6.49	4.0	7.22	3.8	Lowestoft	2.46	2.2	3.3	2.4
Avonmouth	12.13	12.1	12.36	11.5	Margate	5.17	4.4	5.33	4.6
Belfast	4.28	3.4	4.59	3.0	Milford Haven	11.42	6.1	—	—
Cardiff	—	—	12.21	10.7	Newquay	10.39	6.1	11.9	5.9
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	4.14	6.1	4.41	6.2	Penzance	10.34	4.6	11.4	4.7
Falmouth	10.51	4.6	11.19	4.5	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	5.55	4.9	6.31	4.6	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	5.6	3.8	5.24	3.9	Shoreham	4.22	5.7	4.47	5.7
Holyhead	3.32	5.2	4.5	4.9	Southampton	—	—	—	—
Hull	11.4	6.9	—	—	Swansea	11.45	8.4	—	—
Ilfracombe	11.23	8.0	11.49	7.8	Tees	9.13	5.0	9.47	4.8
King's Lynn	11.54	6.2	—	—	W'ton-on-Nze	5.2	3.9	5.21	4.0
Leith	8.21	5.2	8.49	4.9					

NOON TODAY



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LLOYD'S OF LONDON

Lloyd's hopes it is making a better name for itself. The benefits of recent costs cuts are expected to be bigger than originally thought possible
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COMEBACK

Howard Hodgson, once the epitome of eighties entrepreneurship and one of the biggest funeral directors, has returned to the City
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5047 (-0 0053)
German mark.. 2.5395 (+0.0016)
Exchange index ..... 81.4 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3042.0 (-15.6)
Dow Jones .. 3598 44 (-17 04)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20414.14 (-193.12)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5⅞-5¹³/₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.99-2.98%*
Long Bond 6.21%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ .1.5025*	£:$ 1.5025
$ DM ..1 6890*	£:DM ..2.5360
$:SWfr..1.4865*	£:SWfr..2.2267
$ Fr 5.8360*	£ Fr 8.8460
S.Yen .103.25*	£:Yen 154.98
£:SDR ..1.0734	£:ECU ..1.3205

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 373.60 ..... PM 373.10
Close 373.60-374 40
New York
Comex 373.35-373 85*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Welsh Water clean-up to cost £1bn

By Carl Mortished

■ Welsh Water is the first water company that plans to increase its spending after consulting customers to see if they are prepared to contemplate higher bills

WELSH Water is planning to spend £1 billion on cleaning up coastline and rivers. That is £100 million more than originally budgeted and would add an average of 2 per cent to bills. The announcement of the work, to be done between 1995 and 2000, follows a survey of 1.2 million households that showed customers were ready to pay higher bills for cleaner water.

Welsh Water is the first of the ten privatised water companies to announce costly improvements after consulting customers. Anglian Water customers have also voted for higher bills, with 77 per cent prepared to pay more than 5 per cent extra in real terms for better water standards.

Dwr Cymru, Welsh Water's operating subsidiary, found that four fifths of the respondents to its survey were prepared to pay increases of 2 per cent above the inflation rate to achieve better standards. This appears to contradict recent criticism by Ofwat, the water regulator, of the rising prices.

Welsh Water is presenting its conclusions to Ian Byatt, director general of Ofwat, as part of its market plan. The company says the survey gives it a mandate from customers to spend more. The extra £100 million is earmarked for prevention of sewage overflows and for further improvements to coastlines.

The proposed increase in water bills comes in the wake of warnings from Ofwat that consumers will not tolerate continuing rises in the cost of water and sewerage. Mr Byatt has asked the environment secretary to reconsider the timing of the introduction of EC directives on water quality to lighten the financial burden on customers. He has also expressed concern that market research on pricing by some water companies might overlook difficulties faced by low-income customers.

Welsh Water had previously said that its customers wanted low price rises because 40 per cent are receiving some form of social security benefits. "It is a foolish company that ignores that pressure," commented Graham Hawker, chief executive, when the group's results were announced in July. These revealed profits of £155 million for the year to March 31.

Nigel Annett, planning director at Dwr Cymru, pointed out that the proposed 2 per cent was less than the 6-7 per cent planned by the other privatised water companies. South West Water, which suffers most from EC clean-up directives because of its long coastline, proposes real increases of more than 8 per cent.

Mr Annett said: "Our job is to strike a balance: 80 per cent of our customers are prepared to pay an increase of over £7 and many were happy to pay £20 or £30. We have gone further than most companies in consulting our customers." Welsh Water was one of the few companies to attempt a mass survey; it received responses from 184,000 customers, or 15 per cent of the total. It also commissioned Mori to carry out a survey.

The average Welsh Water customer could be paying a bill of £250 in 1995. If the proposed charges are levied, bills will increase by about £7.50 a year. Ofwat will set the new "K" factors, the percentage rate at which prices can rise above the rate of inflation, next summer, but water companies are lobbying the regulator in the hope of concessions.

Ofwat considers capital costs, efficiency and dividends, as well as costs of compliance with environmental legislation. Stock market analysts have been saying that water companies may face a tougher regime from 1995 onwards, because Ofwat is likely to be working on a tougher pricing model based on nil growth in dividends and cost savings from greater efficiency. The companies have estimated their cost of capital, the rate at which they must finance capital investment, at 9 per cent but Ofwat is likely to work on a much lower figure because of the current low rates of interest.

Welsh Water has assets of about £7 billion on current costs, and low gearing because of cash it received on privatisation. But the new spending will require borrowing and the company reckons it will take on debt of £50 million a year to finance the capital programme.

Faced with the prospect of falling returns on the core water and sewerage businesses, the water companies have been diversifying in an effort to grow their dividends after 1995. After a frustrated attempt to takeover Swalec, the electricity company, in 1991, Welsh Water has focused on engineering as its route to unregulated profit. But the non-core businesses made a deficit of £3 million last year.

HUW EVANS



Brian Charles, of Welsh Water, at Llwyn On reservoir

Taiwan looks set to save deadlocked BAe jet deal

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Taiwan government appears poised to rescue the deadlocked deal under which British Aerospace will put its regional jet business into a joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace Corporation.

While John Cahill, BAe chairman, sought to allay Taiwan bankers' fears over financing at meetings in Taipei yesterday, Yang Shih-chien, vice-minister for economics, said the government would not rule out providing loan guarantees. BAe said that the talks were constructive and making progress.

But the price of additional state support will be increased transfer of technology to Taiwan and a commitment to develop a twin-jet plane, Mr Yang said.

Establishment of a joint company, Avro International Aerospace, to refinance BAe's regional jet business and establish simultaneous production in Taiwan is central to Mr Cahill's plan to rebuild the profitability of BAe and spread civil aviation overheads more widely.

BAe believes the Taiwan deal, agreed on January 19, will help to safeguard jobs at Woodford, Lancashire, where the RJ series of regional jets, developed from the BAe 146, are assembled.

It is also expected to bring BAe a cash payment of £120 million. But two deadlines for completion have come and gone while Taiwan Aerospace, which is 29 per cent owned by the Taiwan government, has struggled to allay concerns among private sector Taiwan bankers asked to back the project.

The difficulties have persisted in spite of the involvement of Taiwan's state-owned Chiao Tung Bank as lead banker in a consortium seeking to raise loans of up to £307 million for the project. The bank said last week that BAe was unwilling to provide sufficient collateral for the loans. Mr Yang said that he was "cautiously optimistic" the deal would still go ahead, but that terms would be renegotiated. "The January agreement is an old agreement now, so it must be revised," he said.

At BAe, hopes are rising that the deal could be completed this week. A spokesman said: "There seems to be progress. The talks are constructive." According to BAe in London, renegotiation over technology sharing and development of the twin-jet were unlikely to cause difficulties.

The company said that it was unable to provide a commitment to go ahead with production of a twin-jet variant, the RJ-X, because details of the project had not been settled. However, "what we will do is make sure we are fully signed up to participate in the feasibility study", the spokesman said. Avro International would have access to all necessary technology.

BAe appears relaxed about sharing its civil aviation technology with Taiwan. A spokesman said that skills in innovation and in achieving certification of new aircraft would ensure the company remained an attractive partner for aircraft projects.

The company believes that the joint venture with Taiwan will make it easier to sell aircraft in east Asian markets, especially mainland China, where much of the growth in aviation in the next decade is expected to occur.

Introduction of a twin-jet variant of the four-engine RJ aircraft would probably offer economies for operators. Like the existing aircraft, parts for the plane would be sourced worldwide.

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Europe's threatening traffic jam



ANTHONY HARRIS

After the closure of a Peugeot line in Coventry, lay-offs at Vauxhall, and grim warnings from Ford, we hardly needed the weekend DRI forecasts of sliding European car sales to tell us that we face something of a continental crisis in the motor industry. This cloud has been brewing up very visibly for years now; and storms that take a long time to build up are usually severe. Ford was issuing warnings of worldwide over-capacity of about 4 million units as long as four years ago.

So what's new? For one thing, the situation has got quite a lot worse. Ford's over-capacity estimate has now drifted up to 7 million units. What is more, it is clear that Europe is at the sharp end. It is not just that the current recession is now centred on Europe; it is also clear that the indigenous European industry has become steadily less competitive, and still seems to be getting worse.

This can be seen in the detail of the DRI forcast. Looking through the present downturn to 1996, this sees European output recovering from a trough of 11.4 million this year to 13.7 million in 1996 — a little over 300,000 up on 1992. But over the same period, the output of the European companies, including US firms' subsidiaries, will be down. Growth will virtually all be down to the rising output of Japanese-owned factories in this country, where Toyota alone is expected to account for 230,000 of the total European growth, and Honda and Nissan also have expansion plans. This invasion also explains the DRI forecast that UK output will rise steadily through the period, by some 700,000, while Germany shrinks sharply, France a little, and Spain and Italy achieve rises of about 100,000 each. Forecast output in Japan itself, by the way, is seen at a virtual standstill over the five years; it is not only the Germans who are troubled by high costs.

Most telling, though, is the planning of the European companies themselves. BMW, perhaps the most consistently successful, is not only opening a factory in the US, but plans to ship a good part of its output back home. Fiat is already selling one new model made in Poland, and German companies are moving East too. These are some of the reasons why DRI expects output in East Europe to rise by a million units, while West Europe swims through treacle. American output is also seen rising 1 million. But the real growth, as nobody will be much surprised to learn, is expected in South East Asia, up some 2 million (or 90 per cent), while the rest of the world struggles.

This does not mean that we will all be driving Hyundais, Kias and Protons — not yet, anyway. Most of the Asian growth is planned to meet exploding local demand. The "old" centres of America, Europe and Japan, which accounted for 29 million of the 34-odd million cars made in 1992, will still dominate, with 30 million out of a world total of 39 million, more than three-quarters of the total. But anyone who has been around for a few decades can remember that in the 1960s the Japanese industry was a bit of a joke, making imitative cars for a local market.

Assuming that liberal trading rules, and the drive to a single European market, survive these strains — and they would surely not survive if the motor industry outlook applied much more widely — British investors can view this prospect with some detachment. The British components industry, under Japanese tutelage, is winning a bigger share of the stagnant European market, and Rover is, for the moment, the one European firm managing to win rising sales in a shrinking market. The trade still looks in good shape.

Government ministers will still have their worries, though. The underlying pattern could hardly be clearer: the industry is working flat out to cut labour costs. Whether this is done by employing robots or by employing Poles and Russians, the impact on employment is much the same. Further, since lay-offs not only cut incomes directly, but frighten those still in employment into spending less, the motor industry's agony could easily make the recession worse than DRI forecasts at the moment. That has been the characteristic forecasting error throughout the West's crisis of credit deflation and growing low-cost competition: and nothing in the DRI picture suggests that anything important has changed.

Talent scout reaps $15m at Tomkins

By George Sivell, Assistant Business Editor

RICHARD Carr, 40, the director of international mergers and acquisitions at Tomkins, the conglomerate, received $15.1 million cash in March this year after the company bought out a $160,000 investment Mr Carr made in 1987.

Yesterday's annual report from Tomkins explains that the company sent Mr Carr to America in early 1987 to scout out suitable acquisitions. His incentive package demanded that he make the $160,000 risk investment in return for being granted a 10 per cent interest in the growth of the assessed value of the businesses he identified that Tomkins went on to purchase.

The Tomkins purchases included Smith & Wesson, for $112.5 million, Murray Ohio Manufacturing, for $228 million, and Philips Industries, for $550 million. Tomkins would have required shareholder approval and submitted a draft circular to the Stock Exchange for the buyout from Mr Carr.

However, the takeover of RHM and the associated rights issue so increased the size of Tomkins that shareholder approval was no longer deemed necessary by the Stock Exchange, so long as the transaction was disclosed in the annual report.

Tomkins says that the acquired American businesses that Mr Carr worked on had sales in the year to May 2, 1992, of $1,717 million, net assets of $423.8 million and net income of $75.2 million.

The annual report also discloses that the bonus paid to Greg Hutchings, 46, chief executive of Tomkins, shrank from £667,000 to £651,000 in the past year, although, thanks to a salary increase, from £503,000 to £585,000, his pay rose from £1.17 million to £1.24 million. Last year, however, he drew less than £1 million of his entitlement.

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TUC seeks to save wages councils

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE Trades Union Congress will lodge a formal complaint with the European Commission today against the abolition of wages councils, which set minimum pay rates for an estimated 2.5 million workers.

Union leaders believe that abolition, scheduled to occur next Monday, will leave Britain in breach of Treaty of Rome obligations to ensure equal pay for women.

If the commission decides there is a case to answer, it can challenge the UK government in the European Court.

Parliament approved the removal of the councils in the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act earlier this year. However, the TUC maintains that abolition is discriminatory because four fifths of those affected by the councils are women in low-paid occupations such as hairdressing and garment making.

The TUC argues that the councils provide statutory enforcement of equal pay principles in industries that they cover. According to Margaret Prosser, chairman of the TUC womens' committee, women not protected by the councils find it hard to ensure they are paid as much as men for the same work because court action is costly and cases can take years to be heard.

The Equal Opportunities Commission, a government-funded body, has thrown its weight behind the TUC appeal and is preparing its own reference to the commission for a determination on whether British laws conform with EC legislation on equal pay.

Lloyd's expects to beat its cost-cutting targets

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London, the insurance market that has amassed more than £5 billion of losses over the past three years, is steaming ahead with its radical restructuring programme.

Peter Middleton, chief executive at the Corporation of Lloyd's, said: "Now is the first time since the beginning of the year that I start the day with a series of problems and at the end of the day the number of problems hasn't increased."

One of the problems facing the market is that sharply increasing costs have severely eroded its competitiveness. Swingeing cost-cutting exercises, outlined in the business plan, are well under way and the benefits are now expected to be far greater than originally thought possible.

Mr Middleton said: "Costs could be down by as much as 50 per cent by the end of 1995." This equates to a reduction of £427 million, more than double the £190 million target stated in the business plan.

The plan, unveiled at the end of April, set out the changes necessary to restore the market to profits by the end of 1995 and a timetable for implementation. Mr Middleton has often told names: "If I fail to achieve, you should shoot me."

With four months in hand, it looks as though names will have no need to clean their guns in readiness. Year-end targets for linking the market's 187 managing agencies, 205 brokers and 315 syndicates to a new centralised computer system, the London Insurance Market Network, are looking more than manageable. With 121 agents, more than 100 brokers and 200-plus syndicates connected by the end of June, the balance is expected to be completed "comfortably" by the deadline, Mr Middleton said.

Progress is also being made on one of the plan's more ambitious schemes, the setting up of Newco, into which all the 1985 and prior year policies will be swept.

These policies relate mainly to asbestosis and pollution in America, which are causing massive losses for names.

Lloyd's is close to appointing a leading claims expert to head Newco's specialist claims office, as part of its process of recruiting experts from the market to manage the office, which is intended to be up and running in the next few months.

Another appointment, the managing director of the Central Services Unit, the operation that will take over the administrative functions of all members' agents, is due to be announced this week.

The first task he, or she, will tackle is deciding the most efficient way for handling names' taxation and deposits. One possible solution is for tax to be managed by an accountancy firm. A decision on both issues should be made by the year end, Mr Middleton said.

Developments are also being made on litigation, an issue that fell outside the scope of the business plan. Lloyd's expects to be able to make an offer to the market's 17,000 names who are in litigation by mid-November.



Peter Middleton, who is confident that he will succeed

EC issues monopoly warning to airports

From Tom Walker
in Brussels

THE European Commission said yesterday it would send a "consultation" document to all EC airports warning them that ground service monopolies could be illegal.

While the commission will attempt to liberalise services at the EC's airports under a joint initiative by its competition and transport directorates, it is also considering specific complaints made by British Airways and other big carriers about ground service monopolies at Frankfurt and Milan airports.

No complaints have been received concerning facilities at Heathrow and Gatwick.

Action from Brussels would have been faster had it not been for a dispute between the two directorates: transport officials claimed they were not consulted by their colleagues in competition in the drawing up of initial guidelines. One transport source said: "We are more aware of the practical problems." He added that in some airports it would be "impractical" for services to be liberalised.

At Frankfurt airport yesterday, Klaus Busch, spokesman for Flughafen Frankfurt Main, the airport operator, rebutted the complaints. He claimed that if services were put out to tender, efficiency would decline. "We guarantee a connecting time of 45 minutes. If ground handling increased in the number of vehicles, we could no longer guarantee 45 minutes," he said. Frankfurt handles more than 1,000 take-offs and landings every day.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Australia looks at £1bn GEC Alsthom rail link

GEC Alsthom is offering to build a high-speed rail link between Sydney and the Australian capital of Canberra. Australian government officials are seeking further details of the A$2.4 billion (£1.09 billion) proposal, which, with trains travelling at 350 kilometres per hour would provide a 75-minute link between the cities. Details of the approach to the Australian government were made public only days after the Anglo-French electrical and transport group beat off Siemens of Germany and Mitsubishi of Japan to win the contract for a US$2.4 billion high speed link in South Korea.

The Australian project is part of a drive by the joint venture between GEC of Britain and Alcatel Alsthom of France to exploit technology from its TGV high-speed rail system worldwide. TGV trains operate in France and Spain and will be used for Channel tunnel services. The company also hopes to sell to Canada, Texas and Taiwan. City Diary, page 23

Profits slide at Holmes

HOLMES Protection Group, the North American security alarm business whose shares are quoted in London, said that taxable profits in the first half fell to $133,000 ($1.5 million), partly due to higher than expected costs of internal reorganisation. There has also been delay in the acquisition of subsciber monitoring contracts, said directors. Earnings per share dipped to 0.1 cents (3.3 cents) in the six months to end-June. There is no dividend (nil).

Hibernian record

HIBERNIAN Group, the insurance group, made record profits of Ir£8.8 million (£8.25 million), up 2 per cent, in spite of worsening general insurance underwriting losses, for the six months to end-June. Investment income rose to Ir£17.3 million (Ir£14.7 million). Net cash flow from the general insurance operating activities totalled Ir£28.5 million. On the general insurance side, underwriting loss deepened to Ir£8.5 million (Ir£6.35 million). The interim dividend is 2.3p (2.1p).

Guinness Peat ahead

GUINNESS Peat Group, the United Kingdom investment vehicle for Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, yesterday reported a £6.77 million profit for the first six months of 1993. The directors said the profit was "quite acceptable" at this stage of the year and emphasised it was conservatively presented. In the first nine months of 1992, GPG made a £3.8 million profit. There was no interim dividend.

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-do- Inc	379.50	403.80	-3.90	3.53
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.40	195.80	+0.10	5.77
-do- Inc	97.18	102.60	+0.10	5.77
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Far East	319.50	339.90	-2.20	0.17
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-do- Acc	499.00	530.90	-5.30	2.30
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Extra Inc	116.10	124.20	-0.70	4.15
General	258.00	276.60	-1.60	2.61
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American Gth	93.61	99.35	-0.85	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	125.10	133.80	-1.60	..
Convertibles	56.30	60.21	-0.07	7.00
Eastern	195.20	210.70	-1.40	1.60
Equity Income	88.59	94.24	-0.05	6.20
European Gth	249.50	265.30	-1.80	1.50
Europe	163.70	175.00	-0.50	1.50
Exempt	87.46	89.78*	...	3.50
German Growth	66.98	71.34	-1.22	0.70
Global Growth	112.90	120.70	-1.00	...
Japan Growth	209.20	223.90	+0.50	...
Japan Sunrise	183.90	196.90	+1.50	...
Portfolio	125.50	134.20*	-1.30	3.20
-do- Acc	225.60	241.40	-2.30	3.20
UK Growth	86.78	92.31	-0.27	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.49	96.78	+0.05	1.90
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-do- Inc	102.76	107.76	-0.70	1.87
Global Bond	30.66	33.53	+0.05	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.37	63.49	-0.31	3.50
-do- Inc	42.62	45.59*	-0.23	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	102.67	109.81	+0.11	1.35
-do- Inc	94.37	100.93	+0.10	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.51	64.72	-0.32	...
-do- Inc	59.38	63.51*	-0.31	..
Euro Gth Acc	114.20	122.14	-1.13	1.07
-do- Inc	112.63	120.46	-1.12	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.45	41.12	-0.19	1.29
Pacific Growth	109.25	116.85	-0.75	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	101.72	108.79	-0.41	0.67
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Financial	141.50	150.70*	-0.70	2.78
Smaller Cos Acc	324.90	347.70	-2.80	..
Smaller Cos Inc	189.00	202.20	-1.60	1.07
High Inc	77.92	83.38	-0.55	6.29
Income	140.40	150.30	-0.90	3.66
Mngd P folio Inc	98.90	105.30	-0.80	1.89
-do- Acc	188.20	200.40	-2.20	...
North American	107.00	113.90	-0.80	0.19
Orient	136.30	146.80	-0.10	..
Recovery	44.59	47.94	+0.12	2.33
German	44.99	48.25	-0.17	0.08
Intl Growth	36.13	38.48	-0.17	0.20
European Inc	23.33	25.12	-0.07	0.45
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Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.85	68.77	-0.07	5.07
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Environ	143.90	153.10	-0.30	1.57
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SE Asia	92.87	99.53	-1.37	1.17
Growth	46.43	49.66*	-0.77	2.80
Income	57.21	61.52*	-0.51	4.01
Far East	51.84	55.44	-0.28	...
North American	92.13	99.06	-1.24	...
Global	91.01	97.34	-0.77	0.63
European	77.34	82.71	-0.47	0.62
Japan	121.60	130.10	+0.50	0.01
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-do- Acc	143.50	152.70	-0.40	0.22
European	70.55	75.18*	-0.63	0.78
-do- Acc	74.04	78.48	-0.65	0.78
Far East Gen	70.32	74.81	-0.04	...
-do- Acc	70.32	74.81	-0.04	...
Glenfrias	278.30	296.10	-1.80	0.64
-do- Acc	313.30	333.30	-2.10	0.64
Growth	402.30	430.30*	-1.00	2.16
-do- Acc	697.60	746.10	-1.70	2.16
Income Growth	399.90	425.50*	-4.30	3.63
-do- Acc	543.40	578.10	-5.80	3.63
Master Portfolio	10046.0	10427.0*	-61.00	2.03
-do- Acc	11703.0	12147.0	-71.00	2.03
Special Sits	93.21	99.16*	+0.47	2.10
-do- Acc	110.18	117.22	+0.57	2.10
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1298.0	1339.0	-13.00	4.08
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Capital	571.80	610.20	-6.20	2.22
Eurotrack 100	139.40	148.40	-1.60	1.39
Euro Gth	89.24	95.13	-1.01	0.89
Far East Growth	98.34	105.00	-1.40	0.07
Global Bond	23.83	25.11*	-0.11	5.95
Hong Kong	86.30	92.10	-1.52	0.75
Income	547.10	583.90	-4.70	3.66
Intl Growth	76.65	81.80	-0.45	0.17
Japan Growth	293.20	312.90	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.41	39.92	+0.06	...
Japan Index	85.52	91.27	+0.17	0.23
Nth American	442.00	471.70	-2.30	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	60.67	64.75	-0.38	...
The Poonsie Fd	113.10	119.40	-1.40	2.57
Tiger Index	152.60	162.90	-1.70	0.57
Trade Index	112.50	120.10*	-0.20	2.10
UK Index	130.60	139.40*	-1.30	2.87
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	87.44	93.38	+0.29	1.05
European P folio	80.08	85.52	-0.60	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.19	75.69	-0.19	...
Pacific P folio	111.04	119.40	-0.86	1.08
Cazenove P folio	76.69	82.03*	+0.01	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.00	73.91	-0.14	4.58
Utility & Bond	54.85	58.64	-0.08	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.03	...	9.06
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	67.46	71.01	+1.00	2.13
Beckman Intl	88.03	93.90	...	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.29	203.54	+0.11	5.73
Friars Hse Cap	264.89	284.83*	-1.00	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9518				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	155.26	165.17	-1.62	3.42
Equity Incom Acc	514.01	546.82	-5.37	3.42
Fixed & Convert	43.40	46.17	-0.83	6.15
Fixed & Conv Acc	116.30	123.72	-2.24	6.15
Monthly Income	51.34	54.62	-0.04	6.92
Preference	50.40	53.62	+1.01	6.32
Preference Acc	263.77	280.61	+5.32	6.32
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.68	134.77	-1.24	4.01
High Yield Acc	487.07	518.16	-4.78	4.01
Managed Fund	65.49	69.67	-0.43	3.19
Managed Fd Acc	79.99	85.10	-0.51	3.19
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.63	42.16	+0.06	1.46
Smaller Cos Acc	44.99	47.86	+0.07	1.46
UK & General	73.08	77.74	-0.98	2.38
UK & General Acc	88.69	94.35	-1.18	2.38
UK Growth	125.46	133.47	-1.67	1.82
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	165.45	176.01	-1.32	0.82
Far East Growth	115.27	122.63	-0.73	...
Global Bond	87.33	92.84	-0.19	5.15
Gold & Comm	60.56	64.43	+0.07	...
Japan Growth	127.04	135.15	-0.52	...
North America	152.76	162.51	-0.64	0.10
Oriental Growth	61.70	65.64	-0.75	0.23
WWide Growth	61.35	65.61	-0.23	0.21
-do- Acc	64.00	68.45	-0.23	0.21
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.00	93.00	+0.03	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.00	93.00	+0.03	5.16
Quilter Fund	129.09	137.33*	-1.75	2.38
Quilter Fund Acc	144.83	154.07	-1.96	2.38
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Followship Tst	64.41	68.53	-0.18	1.84
-do- Acc	72.62	77.26	-0.19	1.84
Income Fund 5	226.70	241.20	-2.00	3.90
-do- Acc	527.50	561.20	-4.70	3.90
Inv Portfolio	70.96	75.53*	-0.68	2.08
-do- Acc	80.86	83.79	-0.78	2.08
Smaller Cos	136.40	145.20	-0.10	1.15
-do- Acc	165.10	175.70	-0.10	1.15
High Inc P folio	64.63	66.98	-0.38	4.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.11	94.80	-0.51	0.84
Japanese Acc	67.29	71.58	-0.04	...
UK Balncd Inc	135.00	143.60*	-1.20	2.40
-do- Acc	159.10	169.30*	-1.50	2.40
UK Growth Acc	218.50	232.40	-1.80	1.93
UK High Inc	144.10	153.30	-1.00	5.78
-do- Acc	174.40	185.50	-1.30	5.78
N America Acc	114.30	121.60*	-0.60	0.32
European Acc	170.20	181.10	-1.10	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.24	65.99*	-0.03	6.68
-do- Acc	102.50	108.60*	...	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.78	54.02	-0.36	0.21
Environmntl Opp	75.75	80.59	-0.28	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.90	120.60	-0.70	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	219.80	233.50	-0.50	1.07
Eurofund	40.12	42.44	-0.44	0.94
Mngd Exempt	175.80	180.20	+1.00	2.87
Growth Inc	226.30	240.40*	-3.20	3.12
High Dist	154.80	164.50	-1.10	4.56
International	340.90	362.20*	-2.10	0.90
Intl Income	85.02	90.76	-0.76	2.86
Pacific	62.09	65.97	-0.84	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	78.47	83.37	+0.52	..
Tokyo	220.10	233.90	...	...
Japan Exempt	131.80	135.40	+0.70	0.37
Sm Jap Exempt	637.40	654.90	-14.90	0.80
Equity Income	130.00	138.10	-1.50	3.62
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	149.90	158.50	-1.60	0.49
Financial	45.84	48.71	-0.35	2.47
Global Opps Inc	93.66	99.51	-0.49	1.00
-do- Acc	97.08	103.10	-0.60	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	51.82	55.06	+0.27	0.54
-do- Acc	99.46	105.70	+0.50	0.54
Japan General	171.70	182.40	+0.50	...
Preference	23.70	25.18	-0.08	7.22
Worldwide Cap	208.80	221.90*	-1.40	1.80
World Income	88.46	93.99*	-0.98	3.16
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.30	200.30	...	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	112.57	118.49	-0.89	3.17
High Income	131.05	137.95	-0.72	4.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.76	173.43*	-0.59	2.09
Special Sits	89.18	93.87	-0.63	2.00
North American	107.58	113.24	+0.31	0.96
Far Eastern	264.78	278.72*	+1.82	1.58
Intl Growth	103.45	108.89	+0.03	1.13
European	68.90	72.53	-0.57	1.86
Smaller Cos	71.34	75.09	+0.28	1.90
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	140.10	149.00	-1.20	...
High Income	27.56	29.00*	-0.03	5.79
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	99.41	105.10*	-1.20	0.59
Far Eastern	146.90	157.50	-0.20	...
High Income	23.88	25.44	-0.16	10.00
Oseas Income	91.07	97.43	-0.66	3.09
UK Growth	101.30	108.30*	-1.10	0.87
UK Income	108.60	116.20	-1.20	2.84
US Smaller Cos	269.60	288.30	-0.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.70	53.88	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	50.70	53.88	-0.09	...
Am Smllr Co	450.30	481.50	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	460.10	492.00	-1.60	...
Capital	303.30	322.60	+0.70	1.53
-do- Acc	422.40	449.30	+1.00	1.53
Contl Smllr Cos	49.88	53.57	-0.01	0.94
-do- Acc	52.14	56.00	-0.01	0.94
Convertible	120.70	128.30	-0.10	5.61
-do- Acc	229.10	243.60	-0.30	5.61
Emg Mark	58.80	62.81	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	58.80	62.81	-0.17	...
European	102.50	109.50	-0.40	0.71
-do- Acc	106.80	114.10	-0.50	0.71
Extra Income	314.20	334.20	-1.60	3.67
-do- Acc	449.90	478.50	-2.20	3.67
Financial	116.60	124.80	-0.10	0.15
-do- Acc	122.00	130.60	-0.20	0.15
Gilt Gth Tst	67.91	70.02	+0.11	5.78
-do- Acc	87.74	90.47	+0.14	5.78
Health Fund Inc	119.60	127.70	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	119.60	127.70	-0.50	...
Income Tst	193.40	205.70	-1.60	3.25
-do- Acc	274.10	291.50	-2.20	3.25
Intl Growth	337.10	360.20	-1.20	..
-do- Acc	374.30	400.00	-1.30	..
Japan Gen	193.60	206.90	+0.40	..
-do- Acc	195.50	208.90	+0.40	..
Mngd P folio Inc	97.00	102.10	-0.30	0.81
-do- Acc	102.10	107.40	-0.30	0.81
Monthly Income	163.20	173.50	-0.80	3.60
Qrtly Inc	53.08	56.46	-0.07	5.45
-do- Acc	53.84	57.27	-0.07	5.45
Recovery	310.60	332.10	-0.50	0.36
-do- Acc	364.90	390.20	-0.60	0.36
UK Growth	49.61	53.06	-0.49	2.28
-do- Acc	49.61	53.06	-0.49	2.28
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	369.09	392.65	-2.40	2.60
-do- Acc	753.69	801.80	-4.89	2.60
Euro Gth Dist	116.17	123.58*	-0.77	0.67
-do- Acc	120.23	127.90*	-0.79	0.67
Fixed Int Dist	140.19	148.29	+0.16	5.86
-do- Acc	237.08	250.77	+0.27	5.86
Intl Gth Dist	82.20	87.45	-0.31	0.62
-do- Acc	85.34	90.79	-0.32	0.62
Nth Amer Dist	174.18	184.51*	-1.00	0.88
-do- Acc	189.83	201.09*	-1.09	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	265.12	282.04*	-0.41	0.02
-do- Acc	270.17	287.42*	-0.41	0.02
Stewardship Dist	317.43	337.69	-0.57	1.83
-do- Acc	378.49	402.65	-0.69	1.83
Stwd Inc Dist	67.41	71.71*	+0.01	3.10
-do- Acc	84.05	89.42*	+0.02	3.10
N Am Stwd Dist	101.89	108.39*	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	107.78	114.66*	-0.01	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.40	153.40	-0.10	..
European	457.50	486.20	-3.30	0.87
Far East General	244.40	261.40	-0.60	0.27
Germany	109.80	116.30	-1.20	0.40
Global Assets In	73.80	78.65	-0.32	2.05
Global Assets Ac	78.04	83.17	-0.33	2.01
Income Inc	137.30	146.80	-0.40	6.00
International	309.00	329.90	-0.30	0.85
Intl Income	91.37	96.47	-0.35	4.61
Japan General	398.50	423.90	-0.20	..
Smlls Cos Div	49.60	53.05	-0.04	5.60
UK Capital Inc	174.80	187.00	-0.30	3.83
-do- Acc	301.60	322.60	-0.70	3.48
Uk Spec Sits	83.02	88.80	-0.29	1.43
US General	125.50	135.70	-0.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	136.60	145.80*	+0.20	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.82	50.08*	-0.53	1.30
Cash Trust	129.97	129.97	+0.04	5.19
Pract Inv Inc	112.02	120.07	-0.31	3.82
-do- Acc	240.47	257.78	-0.66	3.82
UK Smaller Cos	111.75	119.64	-0.10	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.34	29.24	+0.05	7.97
High Inc	33.98	36.34*	-0.22	4.51
UK Equity Inc	135.97	145.42*	-1.29	3.73
Global Bond	30.21	31.30	-0.13	5.72
International Funds				
Gold Intl	92.04	98.70	-1.02	0.43
Frontier Markets	46.41	49.77	+0.14	0.12
Global Inc Gth	124.60	132.83	-0.81	1.81
UK Intl	125.52	134.25	-0.79	0.34
Overseas Funds				
American	132.47	141.45	-0.90	0.44
European	88.18	93.49	-0.58	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	107.04	113.90*	-0.53	0.64
American Emerg	88.94	95.38	-0.66	...
Hong Kong	119.98	128.67	-1.93	1.94
Japan	246.70	262.15*	-0.56	...
Pacific Growth	168.51	180.71	-1.56	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London, SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	133.50	142.34	-1.73	0.32
American Gth	138.34	144.74	-1.01	...
European Gth	72.19	76.92	-0.47	0.61
Japan Gth	85.23	91.20	-0.22	...
Greater China	150.06	160.49*	+0.47	2.85
Pacific Strategy	133.94	143.26	-0.52	0.30
UK Prog Inc	80.38	84.67	-0.67	4.69
British Growth	50.91	53.80	-0.16	2.47
UK Small Cos	46.99	50.15	+0.15	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.20	132.20	...	4.56
Gilt Fixed	131.70	139.80	-0.20	4.98
Growth Equity	313.80	335.20	-2.80	1.90
Guardhill	455.60	486.70*	-3.50	1.99
Income Trust	116.00	123.90	-1.30	3.30
International	168.30	179.80	-1.10	0.01
Japan Trust	133.20	142.30*	-0.70	...
Nth American	262.50	280.40	-1.40	0.36
Pacific	405.40	433.10	-5.60	...
European	383.30	409.50	-2.30	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	37.25	39.49*	-0.10	1.49
-do- Acc	39.26	41.62	-0.10	1.49
Inc Adv Inc	31.22	33.10	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	32.76	34.73	-0.10	3.69
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	80.78	85.53	-0.75	0.95
Equity Income	120.70	128.40*	-1.00	3.26
European	142.90	151.20	-1.00	0.89
Intl Situation	79.16	84.21	-0.82	...
Japanese	149.20	158.30	...	...
North American	97.87	103.80	-0.60	0.08
Scandinavian	130.90	138.30*	-2.20	...
Smaller Cos	32.02	34.06	-0.66	1.88
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.72	100.18	+0.08	...
Asian Enterprise	138.86	148.49	-1.03	0.96
European	405.71	429.16	-3.85	0.71
European Inc	74.59	78.90*	-0.36	2.48
Euro Smi Co	128.10	136.11	-0.62	0.68
Extra Income	279.76	297.83	-2.35	4.42
Family of Funds	75.70	80.70*	-0.21	1.01
Global Bond	58.36	62.31	-0.03	7.00
High Inc	314.03	335.69*	-2.23	3.69
Income Gth	254.76	271.31	-2.56	3.19
-do- Acc	658.98	701.81	-6.62	3.19
International	242.34	258.71	-0.73	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	257.15	273.70	-0.25	...
Japan	222.66	237.10*	-0.30	...
N Amer	222.95	237.43*	+1.03	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	208.22	221.51	-1.60	0.33
Pref Gilt	48.77	52.42*	+0.19	8.22
Smaller Cos Div	181.86	194.78*	-0.18	3.54
Special Sits	275.16	294.43*	-4.11	1.88
-do- Acc	426.22	456.08	-3.96	1.88
Best of British	59.31	63.47	-0.71	2.17
Henderson TP				
American Gth	84.10	89.94	-0.22	.
Euro Spec Sits	51.11	54.50	-0.34	0.87
-do- Acc	54.12	57.70	-0.36	0.87
Far East Opps	35.12	37.57	...	0.57
-do- Acc	36.16	38.69	...	0.57
General Growth	105.58	112.91*		2.30
Global Tech	135.68	145.17	-0.67	..
Income Growth	108.66	116.21*	-1.13	3.49
Income Monthly	..	..	..	..
Japan Growth	87.52	93.43	+0.17	..
Overseas Gth	..	..	..	..
Smaller Cos	77.19	82.59	+0.12	1.68
Special Opps	112.95	121.45*	-0.10	1.05
Wld Spec Sits	..	..	..	..
-do- Acc	..	..	..	..
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.19	98.59	-0.42	2.11
Capital	161.50	172.70*	-1.60	1.81
Dollar	322.80	345.20	-1.50	0.01
European	211.50	226.21	-0.30	0.56
Far East	257.00	274.80	-1.40	0.23
Financial	772.20	825.80	-8.50	1.81
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.28	28.34	-0.21	7.30
High Yield	110.30	117.90	-0.90	4.15
Income	144.00	154.00	-1.50	3.09
Intl	225.60	241.20*	-1.30	0.17
Japan Tech	76.07	81.35	+0.33	...
Nat Resources	63.32	67.72	+0.11	0.42
Security	313.80	335.60	-3.00	1.83
Smaller Cos	118.80	127.00	-0.10	1.12
Special Sits	144.80	154.80	-0.90	1.52
US Smaller Cos	72.49	77.52	-0.76	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.85	28.70*	+0.04	1.23
Special Features	29.72	31.57	-0.34	1.86
-do- Acc	35.09	37.28	-0.39	1.86
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.47	60.41	-0.60	2.01
Assets Earnings	74.52	79.17*	-0.88	2.22
do Acc	88.70	94.24*	-1.05	2.22
Managed Invest	93.27	99.60	-0.60	1.11
Rupert Children	79.35	84.64	-1.04	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.10	50.10*	+0.01	4.41
Extra Inc	85.73	91.65*	-0.61	4.59
Gilt	29.12	30.65	+0.05	6.32
Income Gth	41.50	44.28	-0.38	3.41
MIMstar	80.24	81.99	-0.04	7.67
Preference	18.53	19.60*	-0.04	6.43
UK Income	329.50	352.20	-3.60	2.92
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.30	67.25	-0.44	1.19
Property Shares	70.28	75.72	-0.82	1.52
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	154.80	162.40	-1.60	3.98
European Acc	123.20	130.50	-1.30	1.49
European Dist	117.30	124.30	-1.10	1.49
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.53	52.71	-0.34	0.96
European Perf	125.80	133.50*	-1.40	0.67
-do- Acc	129.70	137.60*	-1.60	0.67
Euro Small Cos	23.31	24.78	-0.13	0.62
French Growth	70.96	75.51	-0.62	0.49
-do- Acc	75.80	80.67	-0.66	0.49
Hong K/China	73.04	77.60	-1.16	1.59
Intl Growth	54.84	58.26	-0.44	0.68
-do- Acc	54.84	58.26	-0.44	0.68
Japan Perf	36.26	38.52	-0.11	...
Accum Units	36.26	38.52	-0.11	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.57	43.15	+0.32	..
Singapore Asean	90.40	96.04*	-0.16	0.32
-do- Acc	91.04	96.72*	-0.17	0.32
South East Asia	248.80	264.30	-4.40	0.65
US Smllr Cos	107.40	114.10	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	108.50	115.20	-1.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.47	94.44	-1.04	2.48
Intl Bond	58.72	59.54*	-0.03	5.63
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.08	70.43*	+0.02	5.02
Extra Income	55.46	59.00	+0.64	6.55
Gilt Yield	124.40	131.30	+0.29	6.88
Global Income	209.00	222.30*	-0.04	3.94
High Yield	143.20	152.30*	-1.92	5.47
Smllr Cos Div	53.24	56.64*	+0.11	3.46
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.70	98.62	-1.48	...
North American	77.56	82.51	-0.44	0.41
European	139.10	148.00	-1.10	1.51
Euro Special	81.60	86.81*	-0.64	1.64
General	275.50	293.10*	-3.10	3.04
Japan	453.20	482.10	+1.90	...
Japanese Special	253.70	269.90	+2.90	...
Master Acc	232.80	247.70	-1.80	1.25
Pacific	289.70	308.20	-0.80	0.52
Smaller Cos	104.30	111.00	-0.22	1.51
UK Equity Gth	39.98	42.53*	-0.50	1.65
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	79.55	84.63	-0.65	0.91
Extra Income	25.51	27.14	-0.22	3.34
Far East	29.21	31.07	-0.13	0.75
Income Gwth	75.83	80.67*	-0.60	2.61
Intl Growth	54.64	58.13	-0.32	0.63
Japan	69.63	74.07*	-0.03	..
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.19	41.69	-0.19	0.36
UK Equity	91.95	97.82	-0.68	2.81
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.66	58.15*	-0.95	4.30
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	452.00	480.90	-5.70	2.57
Equity Acc	858.00	912.80	-10.80	2.57
Equity Income	98.51	104.80*	-0.90	4.44
European	101.10	107.60*	-0.70	1.21
Far Eastern	199.50	212.20	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	55.97	59.54	+0.03	5.86
Gilt	98.23	102.00	-0.10	6.03
Global Growth	71.88	76.47	-0.32	0.42
Intl Bond	56.72	60.34*	-0.07	4.71
Japanese	76.93	81.84	-0.03	...
Overseas Equity	103.00	109.60	-0.70	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.89	99.88	-0.82	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	333.10	354.40	-2.50	2.73
-do- Acc	731.60	778.30	-5.60	2.73
Contl Euro Gth	54.98	57.88	-0.30	1.08
-do- Acc	58.14	61.21	-0.31	1.08
Extra Inc	253.50	269.70	-1.70	3.64
-do- Acc	626.70	666.80	-4.20	3.64
German Gth	111.30	117.20	-1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	116.70	122.90	-0.90	0.01
Growth Pon	514.30	547.20	-2.50	0.73
-do- Acc	514.30	547.20	-2.50	0.73
Income	482.50	513.40	+3.40	3.27
-do- Acc	1237.0	1317.0	+7.00	3.27
Income Port	512.30	545.00	-2.00	4.00
-do- Acc	519.80	553.00	-2.10	4.00
Japan Growth	106.40	113.20	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	106.80	113.70	+0.40	0.01
Master Trust	54.61	58.10	-0.33	1.24
-do- Acc	60.13	63.97	-0.36	1.24
N American Gen	190.10	202.30	+10.70	0.01
-do- Acc	219.60	233.70	+12.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.90	151.00	-4.00	0.01
-do- Acc	144.90	154.20	-4.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.20	231.10	+0.40	0.66
-do- Acc	229.50	244.20	+0.40	0.66
Small Cos Rec	322.90	339.80	-10.30	2.51
-do- Acc	420.30	442.50	-13.40	2.51
UK Growth	82.61	87.89	-0.51	2.40
-do- Acc	97.29	103.50	-0.60	2.40
Worldwide Gth	293.70	312.50	-5.00	0.14
-do- Acc	433.20	460.90	-7.30	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	82.18	88.18	-0.49	2.60
Income	66.31	71.15	-0.32	4.80
International	60.12	64.51	-0.15	0.70
American	60.51	64.92	-0.15	0.30
Japan	58.53	62.80*	-0.05	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.22	67.83	-0.30	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	391.30	413.80*	-1.70	0.87
-do- Acc	483.40	511.30	-2.10	0.87
American Rec	424.90	449.30	-3.00	0.18
-do- Acc	486.80	514.80	-3.50	0.18
Am Sm Co Acc	125.00	132.10	-0.50	..
Australia Acc	177.20	187.40	-0.30	0.95
Capital	711.40	752.30*	...	2.24
-do- Acc	794.60	840.40	...	2.24
Commodity Acc	460.00	486.60	+1.80	0.95
Compnd Gth	886.10	939.20	-0.80	2.48
Dividend	38.80	41.00	-0.20	3.84
-do- Acc	153.60	162.50	-0.80	3.84
Equity Inc	323.90	342.50*	-1.50	4.37
European Div	63.30	66.90*	-0.20	3.79
-do- Acc	73.30	77.40	-0.20	3.79
European Gen	417.30	441.30	...	0.86
-do- Acc	524.20	554.40	...	0.86
Extra Yield	412.70	436.40	-1.80	4.05
-do- Acc	1206.7	1276.2	-5.10	4.05
Far Eastern	319.70	338.10*	-1.90	0.57
-do- Acc	421.70	446.10	-2.40	0.57
Fund of Inv	564.20	596.60	-1.20	1.89
-do- Acc	1029.1	1088.3	-2.10	1.89
General	58.00	61.30	-0.20	3.35
-do- Acc	155.10	164.00	-0.60	3.35
Gilt Fxd Int	65.61	65.69*	...	7.12
do Acc	167.26	167.48	+0.02	7.12
Gold	58.70	62.10*	-0.30	0.70
-do- Acc	69.00	73.00	+0.40	0.70
High Inc	27.50	29.10	-0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	104.10	110.20	-0.40	4.05
Intl Growth	72.20	76.40*	-0.30	0.68
-do- Acc	125.00	132.40	-0.50	0.68
Intl Inc	98.40	104.10	-0.30	4.37
Japan Gen Acc	54.60	57.70	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	160.30	169.60	-0.80	...
Midland	60.90	64.00	-0.10	2.91
-do- Acc	193.70	205.10	-0.10	2.91
Recovery	39.60	41.90	-0.10	2.37
-do- Acc	63.00	66.70	-0.10	2.37
Second Gen	68.00	71.90	-0.20	3.11
-do- Acc	168.50	178.20	+0.50	3.11
Smaller Cos	63.90	67.60*	+0.20	2.82
-do- Acc	122.60	129.90	+0.50	2.82
Trustee	42.50	44.90	-0.20	3.53
Charibond 3	1116.88	... †	-0.10	9.22
Charifund 2	685.40	693.30*	-1.90	4.85
Pension ex 1	904.20	926.90	-3.70	3.96
NAACIF Inc 3	349.63	... †	...	7.10
-do- Acc 3	1200.1	...	-2.30	7.10
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	144.10	154.00*	-0.77	1.90
-do- Acc	161.40	172.60*	-0.77	1.90
UK Income	120.90	129.30	-0.92	2.44
-do- Acc	136.70	146.10	-0.92	2.44
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.35	94.49	-0.44	0.42
Far East	142.70	151.50	-1.20	0.16
Income Growth	76.78	81.51*	-0.21	3.17
European	75.29	79.93	-0.04	1.08
Nth American	57.93	61.50	-0.19	0.43
UK Growth	82.35	87.42	-0.16	1.97
Intl Growth	101.10	107.30	-0.30	0.67
Charities	115.30	122.40*	-0.20	3.89
Intl Income	71.80	76.22	-0.31	4.92
Japan	57.13	60.65	-0.62	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	192.20	204.20	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	205.40	218.10	-1.20	...
Cash	100.50	100.50*	...	5.53
-do- Acc	130.60	130.60	+0.01	5.53
Emrg Mkts Acc	96.26	103.90	+0.10	..
European Gth	207.70	220.00	-1.70	0.72
-do- Acc	223.30	236.60	-1.70	0.72
General	489.80	522.40	-3.40	2.32
-do- Acc	931.60	993.70	-6.30	2.32
Global Dist	133.50	140.30	...	5.20
-do- Acc	149.40	157.00	...	5.20
Income	147.40	157.10	-1.40	4.34
-do- Acc	218.90	233.40	-2.10	4.34
International	411.10	438.00	-1.80	0.64
-do- Acc	546.70	582.50	-2.40	0.64
Japan Acc	203.00	215.40	+0.20	...
New Europe	151.00	161.10	-0.90	1.61
-do- Acc	153.90	163.70	-1.00	1.61
Recovery	310.00	330.70	-0.90	2.71
-do- Acc	391.80	417.90	-1.10	2.71
European Inc	75.74	80.37*	-0.35	3.03
-do- Acc	98.12	104.10*	-0.40	3.03
Brit Blue Chip	75.91	80.82	-0.61	3.12
-do- Acc	89.52	95.32	-0.72	3.12
Portfolio	77.79	82.76	-0.42	2.74
-do- Acc	88.45	94.10	-0.48	2.74
Gold General	143.90	154.70*	-0.80	0.61
-do- Acc	147.00	158.10*	-1.00	0.61
Pacific	97.39	103.90*	-2.00	0.80
-do- Acc	103.60	110.50*	-2.10	0.80
UK Smaller Cos	56.28	60.03	+0.14	1.81
-do- Acc	62.82	67.01	+0.18	1.81
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.40	63.53	-0.33	2.56
-do- Acc	60.32	64.51	-0.34	2.56
British Dist	79.56	85.09	-1.65	2.03
-do- Acc	90.06	96.32	-1.87	2.03
European Gth	183.80	196.60	-1.30	0.02
-do- Acc	230.90	246.80	-1.60	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.22	78.31	-0.35	5.44
-do- Acc	131.00	140.10	-0.60	5.44
FT-SE 100 Index	50.42	53.92	-0.68	2.58
-do- Acc	51.17	54.73	-0.69	2.58
Gilt Fixed Int	58.60	61.00	+0.10	6.50
-do- Acc	156.40	162.80	+0.20	6.50
High Yield	233.40	249.60	-1.30	4.41
-do- Acc	547.90	586.00	-3.10	4.41
Income	292.30	312.60*	-2.80	3.11
-do- Acc	617.90	660.90	-5.90	3.11
Japan Gth	367.50	393.00	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	387.90	414.90	-2.00	...
Mandarin Acc	106.00	113.40	-1.50	0.79
North American	165.50	177.00	-1.20	0.51
-do- Acc	208.80	223.30	-1.50	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	271.80	289.00*	+0.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03*	+0.03	4.96
Deposit Acc	123.50	123.50*	+0.04	4.96
Euro Gth Acc	315.30	336.90	-1.30	...
Europa	135.90	146.30*	+0.50	...
Intl Gth	179.30	191.70	-0.90	...
Japan Tracker	82.73	87.60	-0.21	...
UK Equity Inc	162.30	174.90	-0.40	3.79
-do- Acc	199.00	214.50	-0.50	3.79
UK Ind Tracker	150.10	160.60*	-1.20	3.00
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.00	204.80	-0.70	1.44
-do- Acc	204.20	216.70	-0.70	1.44
Asian Trader	171.50	185.80	-0.50	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.30	173.60*	-0.20	1.81
European	64.82	66.22	-0.35	1.50
Olympiad	99.70	101.41*	+0.16	0.24
Global Bond	48.32	48.87*	-0.12	6.16
Smaller Cos	70.89	74.06	+0.30	1.22
Equity Income	97.22	99.76	-0.84	4.96
UK Growth	87.56	90.21	-0.50	1.69
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.76	50.94	-0.24	1.13
Australian Acc	326.40	348	-1.70	..
Conscience	64.91	69.16	-1.55	1.29
-do- Acc	69.96	74.66	-1.66	1.29
European	177.50	188.80	-1.70	1.10
-do- Acc	190.90	203	-1.80	1.10
Extra Income	75.85	80.94	-0.67	5.49
-do- Acc	116.40	124.20	-1.00	5.49
Far East Gth	174.90	186.90	-1.90	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.06	63.38*	+0.07	6.25
Gold	52.55	56.50	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	56.59	60.84	-0.21	...
Income	55.25	58.93	-0.59	4.79
-do- Acc	169.10	180.30	-1.80	4.79
International	30.91	33.16	-0.26	0.66
-do- Acc	44.41	47.65	-0.36	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	369	393.60	+2.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	213.30	228.70	+0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.31	28.29	...	0.80
Special Sits	33.98	36.53	-0.37	1.67
-do- Acc	39.13	42.07	-0.43	1.67
Tokyo	91.17	97.24	+0.06	..
-do- Acc	92.09	98.22	+0.06	..
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.83	74.29*	-0.81	2.63
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.94	82.48*	-0.07	5.70
N&P Higher Inc	213.00	226.60	-0.60	4.28
N&P UK Income	107.50	114.40	-1.10	3.59
N&P Intl	91.21	97.04	-0.86	1.67
N&P Smaller Cos	77.49	82.44	+0.30	1.63
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	174.19	185.31*	-0.69	2.02
Global	312.83	332.80	+0.99	3.06
Growth	114.40	121.71	-0.60	1.03
Income	213.95	227.61*	-1.37	3.70
Intl Bond	135.81	141.16	-0.65	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	144.90	152.40	-0.80	2.46
-do- Acc	256.70	270.10	-1.30	2.46
Income	233.60	248.40	-1.60	3.31
Intl Equity	234.90	249.80	-1.10	0.77
-do- Acc	257.10	273.50	-1.10	0.77
Equity	227.80	242.20	-1.60	2.35
-do- Acc	467.00	496.70	-3.20	2.35
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.57	78.26	-0.50	1.87
UK Income	63.91	67.98*	-0.43	2.91
UK Smllr Co Acc	80.98	86.14	+0.25	1.38
New Europe Acc	64.98	69.12	-0.46	1.02
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.40	107.39	-1.22	0.01
PEP Growth	107.16	114.62	-0.86	1.22
Intl Gth	521.29	557.53	-4.45	0.38
Income	332.65	355.78	-3.19	3.08
W wide Recov	329.67	352.59	-3.45	0.19
American Gth	214.82	229.76	+0.32	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	200.06	213.97	-1.40	0.10
Far East Gth	238.37	254.95	-1.73	0.01
European Gth	124.28	132.93	-1.73	0.93
UK Growth	83.60	89.42	-0.92	2.61
High Income	90.15	96.42*	-0.90	4.25
Japanese Gth	230.60	245.23	+0.18	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	185.10	196.90	-0.70	0.65
High Income	116.90	124.30	-2.00	3.40
Conv Gilt	115.60	122.90*	-0.50	5.57
Far East	335.20	356.60	-3.40	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.49	35.61	-0.21	4.80
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.25	54.52*	-0.38	0.20
Emerging Mkts	69.44	73.87*	-2.28	0.51
General	49.88	53.06	-1.42	3.02
International	88.36	94.00	-0.56	1.28
Gilt Units	27.28	28.12*	+0.03	7.07
Global PEP	36.96	39.32	-0.42	1.95
Income Gth	69.40	73.83*	-0.76	4.44
European	46.38	49.34	-0.53	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.16	28.89	-0.10	5.41
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4400 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceshook: 0426 925691				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.89	35.17	-0.23	1.60
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.95	101.45*	+0.03	4.65
-do- Acc	106.12	106.64*	+0.03	4.65
Pru Equity	699.47	737.40	-8.10	2.53
Pru Equity Inc	83.75	89.57*	-1.94	4.22
Pru European	186.15	199.09	-0.86	0.98
Pru Global Gth	82.87	88.63	-0.66	1.22
Pru High Inc	90.80	97.11*	-0.52	4.64
Pru Intl	168.97	180.71*	-1.48	1.02
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.64	77.68	-0.35	0.60
Pru Japanese	213.01	227.81	+0.27	...
Pru Nth Amer	147.77	158.04	-0.63	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.50	88.23*	-1.49	1.11
Pru Premr Inc	51.94	54.07*	-0.06	5.00
Pru Smllr Cos	85.23	91.15	...	2.06
Pru Spec Sits	102.28	109.39*	-1.12	2.44
Pru UK Grwth	113.86	121.77*	-1.33	2.36
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	164.61	175.93	-1.99	3.42
FA Japan	291.29	309.85	-0.41	..
FA Maj UK Cos	96.52	103.09	-0.89	2.43
FA America Inc	508.89	542.27*	-3.60	0.88
-do- Acc	593.01	631.91	-4.20	0.88
FA Smlr UK Cos	283.27	306.39	+1.36	1.51
FA European	270.50	286.49	-1.52	1.22
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.38	78.06	-0.48	3.62
Capital Units	151.80	161.50	-0.70	1.07
Commodity	112.30	119.50*	-0.40	1.02
European Gth	170.60	181.50	-0.60	1.08
Financial Sec	184.90	196.70	-0.90	1.29
High Return	224.30	238.60*	-0.10	3.57
High Yield	218.80	232.80	-0.30	3.84
Income Units	115.30	122.70*	-0.10	4.39
Investment	194.30	206.70	-0.70	1.20
Japan Gth	165.40	176.00	...	...
Japan Smaller	192.60	204.90	+1.00	...
Masterfund	49.79	52.97	-0.20	1.30
Scotbits	269.30	286.40*	-1.00	1.44
Scotshares	266.00	281.00	-0.50	2.99
Scotyields	233.30	348.20*	-0.60	3.35
Select Intl	135.20	143.80	-1.00	0.39
Smaller Cos	241.10	256.50	-0.10	3.67
Special Situation	113.70	121.00	-0.30	0.80
UK Equity	234.20	249.10*	-0.30	2.77
US Growth	140.30	149.30	-1.10	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	238.82	253.98	+0.70	0.64
-do- Acc	258.75	275.18	+0.76	0.64
Australian	136.67	145.78*	-2.55	0.73
-do- Acc	161.64	172.42	-3.01	0.73
UK Enterprise	229.45	244.74*	-1.36	2.20
-do- Acc	268.13	285.99	-1.60	2.20
European Gth	65.27	69.41	-0.81	1.30
-do- Acc	67.79	72.09	-0.84	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	60.14	64.06	-0.43	0.43
-do- Acc	60.56	64.50	-0.43	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	76.76	81.87*	-0.65	...
-do- Acc	78.00	83.20	-0.65	...
Fixed Interest	56.74	59.80	+0.08	6.42
-do- Acc	68.90	72.62	+0.10	6.42
Gilt Income	109.73	115.85	+0.20	7.21
-do- Acc	153.25	161.52	+0.27	7.21
Income	343.05	365.92	-2.73	3.71
-do- Acc	1011.9	1079.3	-8.05	3.71
Japan Enterprise	71.66	76.43	+0.09	...
-do- Acc	71.66	76.43	+0.09	...
Japan Smllr Cos	502.56	536.05*	+3.31	...
-do- Acc	503.56	537.13	+3.33	...
Pacific Gth	101.24	107.98*	-1.11	0.24
-do- Acc	104.24	111.18	-1.15	0.24
Smaller Cos	201.10	214.50	+0.18	0.93
-do- Acc	232.90	248.09	+0.45	0.93
Tokyo	116.70	124.47	+0.58	...
-do- Acc	117.87	125.72	+0.58	...
UK Equity	222.90	237.85*	-1.86	2.58
-do- Acc	418.63	446.54	-3.50	2.58
US Smllr Cos	141.27	150.66	+1.25	...
-do- Acc	141.27	150.66	+1.25	...
World Fd	74.32	79.27*	-0.35	1.37
-do- Acc	79.00	84.26	-0.37	1.37
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.30	52.50	-0.08	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.98	71.33	-0.15	0.84
European Opps	77.39	82.42	-0.43	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.03	101.47	+0.04	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.29	61.01	-0.07	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.40	385.20	-4.40	2.66
American	253.20	268.80	-0.50	0.72
Pacific	357.80	382.70	-2.30	0.50
European	474.20	507.20	-4.10	1.07
Worldwide	85.36	91.29	-0.80	0.91
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	317.20	337.30	-2.80	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	218.40	232.40	+0.10	1.55
European	353.70	376.30	-1.00	1.56
North American	261.40	278.10	-1.20	0.58
Income Plus Inc	72.31	76.93	-1.00	3.53
UK Spec Sits	71.28	75.84	-0.34	2.50
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.15	29.06	-0.13	2.63
Intl Growth Acc	31.09	33.28	-0.12	0.96
Market Ldrs Acc	27.36	29.28	-0.19	2.75
FOR SCTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	$106.60	...	-0.70	...
Global Bond	$105.40	...	..	7.12
Japan Samurai	$101.90	...	+1.10	...
UK Growth	$102.60	...	-0.60	3.85
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.06	50.01	-0.10	1.44
Equity Gth Acc	65.12	69.19	-0.10	1.01
UK Eq General	44.47	47.25	-0.10	1.99
-do- Acc	58.72	62.39	-0.10	1.99
European Acc	44.68	47.48	-0.20	0.86
Far East Acc	60.20	63.97	-0.20	0.09
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.02	34.92	-0.10	5.86
N American Acc	43.52	46.25	-0.10	0.80
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	295.10	320.20	-2.10	1.13
UK Eq High Inc	38.87	41.30	-0.20	3.40
-do- Acc	46.16	49.05	-0.20	3.40
UK Lgr Cos Inc	309.10	335.40	-0.50	3.56
UK Lgr Cos Acc	402.40	436.70	-0.60	3.56
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.76	NZ$3.99	...	1.27
US Eq	$2.178	$2.313	...	1.15
Far East Eq	Y246.3	Y261.6	..	..
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	..	..
FT Europe	120.30	127.80	...	2.04
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.836	...	1.30
FT Japan	Y249.8	Y265.3	...	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.018	$2.144	...	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	345.50	368.70	-2.00	0.32
British	1004.8	1063.1	-5.20	3.82
European	412.90	438.60	-1.00	1.31
Japan	156.30	165.90	+0.80	...
New Pacific	319.60	340.40	-1.10	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	+0.03	5.17
Majority Stg	100.08	101.08	+0.03	4.84
Inv Tst	206.70	219.10	-1.30	1.42
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227308 Dealing: 0277 690380				
Equity Acc	765.90	819.10	-8.80	2.77
N America Acc	119.10	127.40	-0.70	0.18
Far East Acc	132.70	141.90	-1.40	0.36
W wide Bond	62.46	66.31	-0.06	5.38
European	89.29	95.50	-0.38	0.60
Equity Income	88.86	95.04	-1.05	3.68
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.24	36.63	-0.18	0.52
Managed Assets	125.14	133.84	-0.88	2.88
UK Income	39.33	41.96	-0.44	2.84
UK Growth	38.59	41.28	-0.40	2.10
Worldwide Gth	32.86	35.15*	-0.16	0.40
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	214.82	228.53*	-2.09	0.05
-do- Acc	236.60	251.70*	-2.30	0.05
British Gth	90.32	96.08	-1.96	1.85
-do- Acc	106.27	113.05	-2.30	1.85
European	103.39	109.99*	-0.70	0.89
-do- Acc	109.88	116.90*	-0.74	0.89
Extra Inc	197.40	210.00*	-2.05	3.95
-do- Acc	322.32	342.89*	-3.35	3.95
General Unit	275.67	293.27*	-3.82	2.35
-do- Acc	550.67	585.82*	-7.62	2.35
Income	343.60	365.53	-3.23	3.44
-do- Acc	714.03	759.61	-6.71	3.44
International	507.65	540.05	-3.65	0.29
-do- Acc	664.56	706.98	-4.78	0.29
Pacific	366.65	390.05	+4.53	..
-do- Acc	385.15	409.73	+4.76	...
Premier Income	53.84	56.08*	-0.19	6.78
-do- Acc	113.84	118.58*	-0.41	6.78
Nat Resources	139.31	148.20	-3.02	...
-do- Acc	152.89	162.65	-3.32	...
Selected Opps	102.58	109.13	-2.12	1.19
-do- Acc	128.43	136.61	-2.65	1.19
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	76.04	81.10	-0.50	..
-do- Acc	78.43	83.66	-0.52	..
European Opps	64.50	68.51	-0.50	0.43
-do- Acc	65.26	69.31	-0.52	0.43
Japan	94.36	100.65	+0.53	..
-do- Acc	94.36	100.65	+0.53	..
Little Dragons	79.45	84.74	-0.91	0.59
-do- Acc	81.79	87.24	-0.93	0.59
Oriental Income	46.35	49.44	-0.21	3.22
-do- Acc	59.10	63.04	-0.25	3.22
Tiger	222.66	237.50	-3.42	1.11
-do- Acc	233.92	249.51	-3.61	1.11
UK Small Cos	87.31	93.37	-0.10	1.70
-do- Acc	101.86	108.94	-0.10	1.70
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.97	21.24	+0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.29	36.47	-0.13	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.16	37.40	-0.10	..
Global Bond	$0.982	$1.023	+0.000	7.04
Penny Share	26.11	27.77	+0.03	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.19	53.20	+0.01	4.81
Gilt Growth	72.34	75.29	+0.36	..
Gilt Income	54.46	56.67	+0.15	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.00	112.40	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.728	...	..
Challenger	98.49	100.80	+0.10	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.17	76.77	-0.28	1.78

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend, ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

France treads softly on rates before Bundesbank meeting


Balladur: meeting Kohl

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of France continued its softly-softly approach to interest rate cuts yesterday, shaving another ½ point off its rate for emergency *overnight funds* but leaving its key intervention rate unchanged.

But in a week that sees top level meetings between French and German officials and the first Bundesbank council meeting since the summer recess, the question of a more meaningful easing in French rates is becoming centre stage.

The French government met yesterday for the first time since the virtual suspension of the exchange-rate mechanism to fashion a response to France's growing economic crisis and will announce policy plans tomorrow in the traditional news conference by the French prime minister marking the end of the government's summer holiday.

The political atmosphere has become increasingly heated with strident opposition forces calling for a break with the "*franc fort*" policy and aggressively lower interest rates to tackle an 11.6 per cent unemployment rate. Last week, first quarter gross domestic product was revised to a fall of 0.7 per cent from 0.5 per cent, underlining the extent of France's economic downturn.

The Bank of France yesterday left its intervention rate, its key rate, unchanged at 6.75 per cent but cut its rate on 24-hour money from 8.25 per cent to 7.75 per cent, the level prevailing before the ERM crisis. The central bank also said it had decided to suspend its 24-hour securities repurchase agreements in what a bank official characterised as a "strictly technical" decision, reflecting the ample liquidity in the money markets for banks to tap.

The markets are now waiting to see when the Bank of France feels comfortable enough to cut the rate on its 5-10 day repurchase agreements that has stuck at 10 per cent since the crisis. A more significant move on interest rates may depend on the outcome of Thursday's Bundesbank meeting and a meeting that day between Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister.

The Bank of France is likely to be feeling more relaxed than it was about the risk to currency stability from rate cuts. Jean-François Mercier of Salomon Brothers, pointed out that, last week, the franc tended to weaken when officials stated that stabilising the currency would take priority over interest rate cuts, but firmed on both occasions when the central bank cut its overnight rate by 50 basis points last week. Salomon Brothers expects French call money market rates will fall close to the level of equivalent German rates over the next few weeks.

Whether or not the Bundesbank will ease policy on Thursday is debatable. On one hand, private credit and M3 money supply have picked up recently. On the other hand, this is expected to be temporary and has been offset anyway by a strengthening in the mark. Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank's deputy president, hinted at the end of last week that the appreciation of the mark left more scope open for German rate cuts.

Nevertheless, some economists continue to believe that the Bundesbank may wait until September before it cuts rates again. This would allow the bank to see whether the recent pick-up in private sector credit is indeed a blip and also allow the distorting effects of heavy foreign exchange intervention, which tends to swell the M3 money supply, to come to an end.

WPP cautious on prospects despite interim advance

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ The economic outlook in WPP's main markets is mixed but the advertising group has restored the dividend and is making progress with debt reduction

WPP Group, the worldwide advertising combine, marred impressive interim profits and a return to the dividend list for the first time since 1990 with some gloomy prognostications about the outlook for the world economy.

"The economic recovery, such as it is, remains delicate and unsettled, especially in the United States and the United Kingdom," the company told its shareholders. "Economic conditions remain uncertain in Continental Europe. On the basis of client experience to date, it is possible that the economic recovery will be delayed for some time."

WPP, the chief executive of which is Martin Sorrell, owns the J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather agencies. It announced an advance in pre-tax profits from £1.82 million to £24.1 million in the six months to June 30, although the figures were flattered by much lower one-off provisions. Banking syndicate expenses totalling £13.5 million last time were not repeated.

At the operating level, profits were up from £35.1 million to £42.6 million. WPP is paying a 0.35p interim dividend after promising, at the time of the £85 million rights issue in March, a total of 1.0p a year.

The group saw operating cash flow of £19.8 million in the first half, before the need to make payments of £23.4 million linked to previously negotiated earn-outs and £8 million in capital spending.

By the end of the first half, debt had been cut to £302 million, against a strictly comparable £564 million on a constant currency basis.

Revenues rose by 16 per cent, to just short of £700 million, in the first half, and the rise at constant currency rates was 5 per cent. In the first half, WPP won new business worth £625 million, a rise of £150 million on the first half of 1992.

The shares rose 3p to 93p. Analysts were encouraged by the rise in revenues and the debt reduction but concerned at the tenor of the company's statements on prospects. However, Lorna Tilbian, at Warburg Securities, said that the figures had encouraged her to raise her pre-tax forecast for the current year from £57.8 million to £63.9 million, and that for 1994 from £82 million to £96.2 million.

WPP said operating margins, the key to the group's performance, were up to 6.1 per cent from 5.8 per cent and would have been as high as 6.6 per cent but for severance costs. The group said it was on target to achieve the plan drawn up at the time of last year's financial restructuring. That called for a 1 per cent improvement in operating margins this year, in 1994 and in 1995.

"Given a stable or improving economic climate," WPP commented, "the group should be able to make considerable progress, as operating margins remain significantly below the achievements of the best-performing competition and its own historical performance."

Basic earnings per share were 2.5p, against a 7.6p deficit last time. That meant the dividend payment was easily covered.

WPP is thought still to be talking about the sale of its Scali McCabe Sloves agency to Interpublic, the big American advertising concern. Talks have been progressing for some months. Broad agreement has been reached on which parts will be excluded from the sale, and it is hoped that the deal may be concluded in the second half.

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Martin Sorrell, chief executive, thinks economic recovery could be delayed. But WPP is back with a dividend

Ladbroke might contest EC ruling

Ladbroke Racing, the betting group, said it might contest at the European Court of Justice an EC decision to throw out its complaints against Pari Mutuel Urbain, the French bookmaking organisation.

Two complaints by Ladbroke against Pari Mutuel have been rejected by the European Commission this month: the first was over Pari Mutuel's monopoly on taking horse racing bets in France, and the second over its refusal to allow betting shops in Belgium to screen pictures of French racing.

Ladbroke has about 750 betting shops in Belgium, of which 90 are close to the French border. The French horse racing market is the second largest in Europe, after Britain's. "We're looking to expand in Europe and we've taken various cases to the commission," a Ladbroke spokesman said. "The decision won't change anything because it's a status quo."

Downturn hits MAN earnings

MAN, the German engineering and truck building group, said weak economies in Germany and western Europe had caused its profits to fall to DM230 million in the year to June 30, from DM418 million a year earlier.

"German industry is still in a deep recession," it said. "Incoming orders and production have been falling since spring 1992 and the drop in equipment investment has accelerated." The weakness of other European economies and the revaluation of the mark against other currencies had limited German companies' ability to export.

Zimbabwe arm of RTZ ahead

Rio Tinto Zimbabwe, 56.04 per cent owned by RTZ, has overcome the mining difficulties that dogged it in the second half of 1992 and reports an attributable net profit of Zim$24.3 million (£2.5 million), for the six months to June 30. That compares with a net profit of Zim$10.8 million in the immediately preceding six months and with Zim$29.4 million in the first half of 1992.

The company says second-half results should benefit from the recent improved gold price and from a stronger Zimbabwean economy. The interim dividend is 40 cents (45 cents).

Bid hopes lift Fyffes shares after chief quits

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES of Fyffes, the Irish banana group, rose, rather than fell, yesterday after analysts suggested that the group could soon be back in the bid market in the wake of the surprise weekend resignation of John Callaghan as chief executive.

Neil McCann, Fyffes' chairman, said Mr Callaghan, who has been with the group for two years, would be leaving at the end of August "to pursue other business interests", and added "we wish John every success in the future".

Analysts suggest that the sudden resignation follows a clash with the McCann family over the direction of the company and whether or not Fyffes should remain independent or become the European distribution division of a multinational fruit concern.

Earlier this year, Fyffes was in talks with the US Dole Food group, but talks that could have led to a bid at 115p a share broke down. The stock market is now waiting to see whether Dole makes a fresh approach, and/or whether other international fruit companies seek out Fyffes as a vehicle through which to enter the European market.

"If it were not for the prospects of a Dole bid, the resignation would be quite a negative for the company," one analyst said.

Fyffes shares yesterday rose 7p to 107p. The group, which raised Ir£60 million (£55.8 million) last year through a convertible bond issue and four years ago sold its stake in Irish Distillers, has net cash of about Ir£100 million.

Mercury taps into more cable calls

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY Communications last night unveiled a deal with six of Britain's leading cable telephone franchise holders designed to ensure a rising share of household long-distance calls.

Although forced to cut its connection charges to the cable companies, Mercury believes that it will now achieve a "large majority" of the long distance and international calls from the cable operators, which together will have access to half the homes in Britain.

In addition, the companies are to work together to provide new products and services, operator services, directory enquiries, emergency services and marketing.

If the deal proves as effective as Mercury hopes, it will severely increase competitive pressure on BT, wresting away market share as householders take up the offer of cheaper phone services from cable companies.

To date, the cable operators have fewer than 200,000 customers, but the number is growing by 13,500 a month. Yesterday's deal will make it easier for them to install their own telephone exchanges to handle local traffic, thereby capturing a larger chunk of call revenue and increasing the profitability of their operations. It will also enable Mercury to obtain high volumes of long-distance call traffic without the need to invest in costly local exchanges.

Mercury now claims 10.5 per cent of total UK call traffic by volume, but remains heavily biased towards business users. Yesterday's deal should help the company, a subsidiary of Cable and Wireless, to achieve its target of two million domestic customers by the mid 1990s at lower cost.

The six companies participating in the agreement are Encom, General Cable, Nynex CableComms, Southwestern Bell, TeleWest Communications and Videotron.

Mercury now has 18 deals with cable operators. A relaxation of licence conditions by the government to enable them to offer telephony services triggered a flood of investment during the past 12 months. The three-year agreement signed yesterday is subject to approval from Oftel, the regulator for telecommunications.

Homes trial jurors are sent to hotel

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE jury in the Homes Assured Corporation fraud trial was sent to a hotel last night after failing to reach verdicts.

The three women and eight men have spent four months listening to more than 100 prosecution witnesses giving evidence against the group's founder, Anthony Dobson, and two other former directors, on charges arising out of the venture's £10.7 million collapse four years ago.

Mr Dobson, 60, of Chelsea, southwest London, who set up the corporation in 1987 to help council tenants to buy their homes, denies trading fraudulently between November, 1988, and August, 1989. Its managing director, Michael Robinson, 42, of Fulham, southwest London, and Keith Woodward, of Wanstead, east London, also deny the charge.

Mr Dobson also denies two charges of procuring execution of a valuable security by deception, and Mr Woodward, 56, denies a charge of furnishing false information.

The jury, which has been hearing the case in a Chancery Lane annexe of the Old Bailey, will reconvene today.

Aerospace Engineering in profit after disposals

BY COLIN CAMPBELL


John Davis is now concentrating on core interests

AEROSPACE Engineering, which recently disposed of various assets to concentrate on two core interests, moved back into profit in the year to end-April.

Pre-tax profits of £214,000 for the year compare with a pre-tax loss of £2.16 million in the comparable period last time. Though the final dividend is held at 0.5p a share, the year's total payment falls from 1p to 0.75p a share, which is not covered by earnings of 0.25p a share.

John Davis, chairman and chief executive, says gearing has been clipped from 79 per cent to 45 per cent, the balance sheet is stronger, and efficiency has generally been improved.

The group now concentrates on two markets — electronics and aerospace — which, the board believes, have long-term growth potential.

Mr Davis says although UK demand for circuit boards remains patchy, overseas sales are rising steadily. Trading conditions in the international aerospace markets, however, remain depressed.

Eighties star brews fresh venture

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HOWARD Hodgson, once the biggest funeral director in Britain and the epitome of 1980s entrepreneurship, has taken a stake in Hoskins Brewery. His choice of re-entry vehicle, after disappearing from the City's ken to devote himself to writing, is bizarre.

Hoskins is a tiny Leicester brewer supplying just seven pubs, four of which it owns. Its beer production is outstripped by the torrent of stock exchange circulars generated by seemingly endless boardroom squabbles.

Mr Hodgson once enjoyed a high profile, as much in the style sections of the press as on the financial pages. He brought his family firm, Hodgson Holdings, to the stock market in 1986 and rode the acquisition boom before sailing into rougher waters in the 1990s.

He quit the business in 1991, after its merger with a French concern and a profits warning that blamed high borrowings and a low death rate. His plan was to produce books. One volume, entitled *How to Become Dead Rich* — Mr Hodgson has never been constrained by the stuffier conventions of the funeral parlour — did appear, but a mooted biography of Paul McCartney never made it to the publishers.

He has retained both his trademark coiffure of blond, flowing locks and his sense that little is beyond his talents, even though the past couple of years have been less than kind. A brief spell in the glare of the gossip columns, on account of his private life, was followed by a failed business venture that cost him £500,000. This was Prontac, a chain of franchise-holders who helped small businesses with their accounts and VAT returns. The business collapsed amid acrimony.

The Hoar family, which has survived various attempts to dislodge it from the helm at Hoskins, is selling almost 23 per cent of the company but retaining about 7 per cent. The new management, led by Mr Hodgson as chief executive, has taken 13 per cent; the rest of the shares being sold have been placed in the market.

Mr Hodgson admits to having no knowledge of brewing — although he has Shaun Dowling, a former Guinness director, as a non-executive director — and no clear plans for acquisitions. He is looking for profitable but undermanaged businesses. At Hoskins, his aim is to quadruple production and sell the beer in the free houses of the Midlands.

Market optimism, however, was sufficient to push Hoskins shares, suspended in May at 56p, 20p higher when trading resumed yesterday.

The latest boarding party aiming to dislodge the Hoars has been rebuffed, but Hoskins still faces possible legal action from Adam Page, the former chairman of Midsummer Leisure, who had planned a takeover. Mr Hodgson said yesterday he had been advised that Mr Page had no basis for litigation.

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10. THOS. BORTHWICK (GLASGOW) LIMITED FORMERLY KNOWN AS THOMAS BORTHWICK (GLASGOW) LIMITED) Company No. 12413
11. WESTBURY MEATS LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARKET BOND LIMITED. MEADOW MEATS LIMITED AND MEADOW MEATS (LSO LIMITED) Company Nr 1613834

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Date 18 August 1993
John Francis Soden

RE: ACORN SYSTEMS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Thursday the 9th September 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Noon Tuesday 7th September 1993.

Dated this 19th day of August 1993.
B HUMBLE, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
IES (SALES AND MARKETING) LIMITED AND INTERACTIVE INFORMATION SYSTEMS LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meetings of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at 6 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 9th September 1993, at 11.30 am and 12.30 pm respectively for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meetings (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 6 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 7th September 1993.

A list of names and addresses of the companies creditors may be inspected free of charge at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 6 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm during the two business days next before the meetings.

Dated this 13th day of August 1993
By Order of the Board
P. FRIESNER, Director

TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF CAVENDISH SHOPS LIMITED (IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

Dividend payments have been made to the shareholders of the above Company and I should be obliged if the following people would contact I J Allan, Liquidator of the above Company at Smith & Williamson, No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS.

F J Berridge, S Cannon, J H Colegrave, A Heath, P Helmore, Lord Matson, Ms E M O Robins, B Allchison, J F Bladen, R J O Bridgeman, G A J Bowles, Exors of L Christianson, J D S Davies, R J Edds, N A Fraser, P H Grattan, J A Hamilton, P F Hewetson-Brown, M W Hussey, H R Jones, A C Keal, P D Levinger, N F le Neve Foster, J H Lewis, R D Linnell, S R Merrott, K M H Miller, A Nicholas, C D Nicholson, D J Parker, M H B Peters, M W Porter, Ms S J Prall, R H Prall, C P B Purchas, M W R Ridley, Ms H M Root, Exors of Roger Caldbeck, I M Scott, C E Sheridan, P J R Spira, B S Thorbald, H J Trembath, Ms S Van Cutsem, C N Van Cutsem, M K Whitaker.

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TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

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U D Barnett, D W Cuisheny, Hon A A M Fraser, A W Law, P Leavey, L Moore, G W Richings, J R Turnvill, D J A Ashe, S C Butt, M Cohen, Mrs Gibson-Fleming, Li Col B J Lockhart, P C Mallinson, E D Nicholson, I P M Payne, C J F Petty, Sir R Shandwick, P Strachan, T A Constans, P S Mehta, M J D Roberts, M P Stanfield.

The Insolvency Act 1986
GEARSCHAFT LIMITED (In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th August 1993. Dated this 20th day of August 1993.
M.R. Darrington, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ESTATE LATE HAROLD ROGER MORRIS
Date of Death: 26 August 1992.
PLACE OF DEATH: SOUTH AFRICA.

We hereby request that any person having any knowledge of personnel effects of the above mentioned deceased, to contact the Executor of the abovementioned estate at STANDARD TRUST LIMITED, P O Box 288, Kimberley, South Africa, 8300. Telefax No. 0831-813403.

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1. AROMTIME LIMITED Company No: 2326920
2. BENMORE DISTILLERIES LIMITED Company No: 190419
3. CRAGGANMORE DISTILLERY COMPANY LIMITED Company No: 12739
4. CRAIGHALL BONDING COMPANY LIMITED. Company No: 28640
5. DESMOND & DUFF LIMITED (Formerly Known as DESMOND & DUFF BLENDERS LIMITED) Company No: 51949
6. FERHAM PRODUCTS LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS RJ BUILDING PRODUCTS LIMITED) Company No: 959573
7. GSR EDUCATIONAL LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PREMIERTHOUGHTS LIMITED) Company No: 1430346
8. HUMPHREY TAYLOR & COMPANY LIMITED Company No: 283106
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Signs point to MB-Caradon planning £300m rights issue

STOCK MARKET

SPECULATION is mounting that **MB-Caradon** is planning a £300 million-plus rights issue to help fund the acquisition of RTZ's Pillar division.

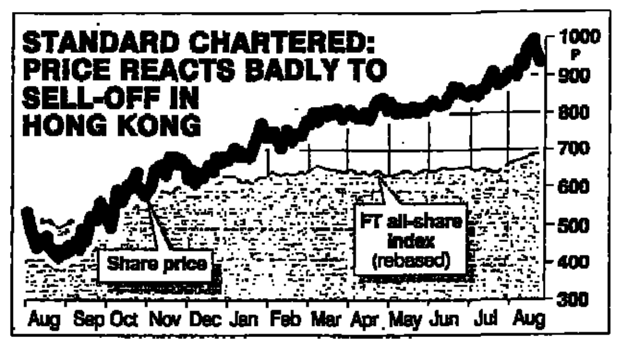
The shares held steady at 314p, as talks between both parties on the proposed deal, estimated to be worth between £700 million and £800 million, continued. MB-Caradon is sitting on about £400 million of cash, and needs to make up the balance. Brokers say a rights issue would be preferable to getting into debt with the banks.

Cazenove, the company's own broker, is already thought to be sounding out the institutions about terms for such an issue, which it is believed will be pitched at about 280p. The increased capital from a rights issue would also probably guarantee its status as one of the top FT-SE 100 companies. At present, in terms of market capitalisation, MB is in danger of being replaced in the next quarterly index reshuffle.

The rest of the equity market was showing none of the sparkle that carried it to new heights last week. Selective selling found prices losing ground as the second leg of the long three-week account began. The FT-SE 100 index closed above its worst of the day, with a fall of 15.6 points to 3,042.0, in spite of Wall Street starting to test the 3,600 level on the Dow with an opening fall. Turnover was a modest 546 million shares.

Tarmac saw an early lead eroded, with the price ending 1½p firmer at 148½p, on talk of a possible rights issue, although the company has suggested this is not a priority.

There was heavy turnover in **Lasmo**, with almost 5 million shares changing hands as bid talk was revived. The price rose 2½p to 139p, with dealers reporting heavy activity on the traded options market. But brokers are ruling out a bid from British Gas. They say it is unlikely British Gas would make such a move until after the government makes a decision about the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report.



Ladbroke fell 8½p to 209p, after weekend speculation about the long-term future of Cyril Stein, its chairman and effective creator. The group countered by appointing John Coleman, managing director of Dorothy Perkins, to head its Texas Homecare division.

British Aerospace fell 14p to 435p, after briefly touching 428p, as concern grew about the delay in ratifying the contract with Taiwan Aerospace to build its short-haul jet aircraft.

Hoskins Brewery returned from suspension 14p better at 70p, as Howard Hodgson, at one-time Britain's best-known undertaker, took up the reins as chief executive. **Eurotunnel** fell 14p to 447p, with the **warrants** down 10p at 288p, on learning that John Prideaux had resigned as head of Union Railways, British Rail's Channel tunnel rail link subsidiary.

Fyffes, the banana importer, rose 7p to 107p after news of the resignation of John Callaghan as chief executive.

Independent radio broadcasters continued to benefit from last week's survey of the industry by Smith New Court, which concluded that recent changes would result in a period of strong growth as another advertising boom gathered pace. There were gains for all those recommended by Smith including **Capital Radio**, 10p to 225p, **Chiltern**, 8p to 78p, and **Metro**, 5p to 190p.

News of the overnight sell-off on the Hong Kong stock market prompted some nervousness among those companies with interests in that part of the world. Leading the way lower were **HSBC**, 18p off at 707p after 701p, and **Standard Chartered**, 19p down at 943p. **T. Cowie** was 1p softer at 261p as Sir Tom Cowie, the retiring chairman, continued selling shares. He and his wife have sold a total of 1.5 million shares at 260p. He continues to hold 6.7 million shares, or 4.69 per cent.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** scored small gains in thin trading as the market attempted to establish a new trading level. The September series of the Long Gilt firmed three ticks to $£112^{15}/_{16}$ as 15,000 contracts were completed. In shorts, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** hardened a couple of ticks to $£112^{15}/_{16}$ as did **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** at $£116^{17}/_{32}$ in longs.

MICHAEL CLARK

Brussels to study BT's US alliance

The European Commission has opened an enquiry into British Telecom's planned alliance with MCI Communications Corp, of America, in corporate telecommunications. The commission, which has the final say on major ventures in EC countries, said that the firms had, on August 11, requested clearance.

The commission has a month to give approval or open a full investigation if fearful of harm to competition.

The alliance proposes the creation of a joint company, Newco, to provide global telecoms services and the purchase by BT of 20 per cent of MCI for $4.3 billion.

Gold proposal

Shareholders in at least eight related companies, including De Beers, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment and Anglo American, are being offered rights by Eastvaal Gold Holdings to raise R250 million to help the Moab project to develop a gold mine in the Orange Free State, South Africa.

Copymore pays

Copymore, the office equipment distributor, has restored its dividend, paying an interim 2.5p (1p) for the half-year to end-June after pre-tax profits rose to £758,000 (£506,000 last time). It passed its final due to a profits slump in 1992.

Greenacre buy

Greenacre Group has bought the Clare Hall nursing home at Ston Easton, near Bath, for £2.1 million, increasing its homes under operation or development to 12 and beds to 575.

Caverdale deal

Caverdale, the motor dealer and industrial consumables group, is to pay up to £864,000 for Trust Parts, an industrial consumables supplier.

Japan urged not to wreck world system

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN must slash its huge trade surplus or risk destroying the world economy, its new trade minister has warned. Hiroshi Kumagai said: "If Japan's trade surplus continues, it will be one factor leading to the destruction of the world economy."

Japan's trade surplus with the world leapt again in July. On a customs-cleared basis, it rose to $11.82 billion, from $9.23 billion in July last year, the finance ministry said.

The controversial surplus with the US was $4.68 billion, up from $3.81 billion a year earlier. This huge imbalance was a factor in the yen's recent surge against the dollar, according to market analysts.

In a political debate on the issue, Mr Kumagai said: "The currency market is sending a warning that if Japan continues with the same behaviour, it will be in trouble."

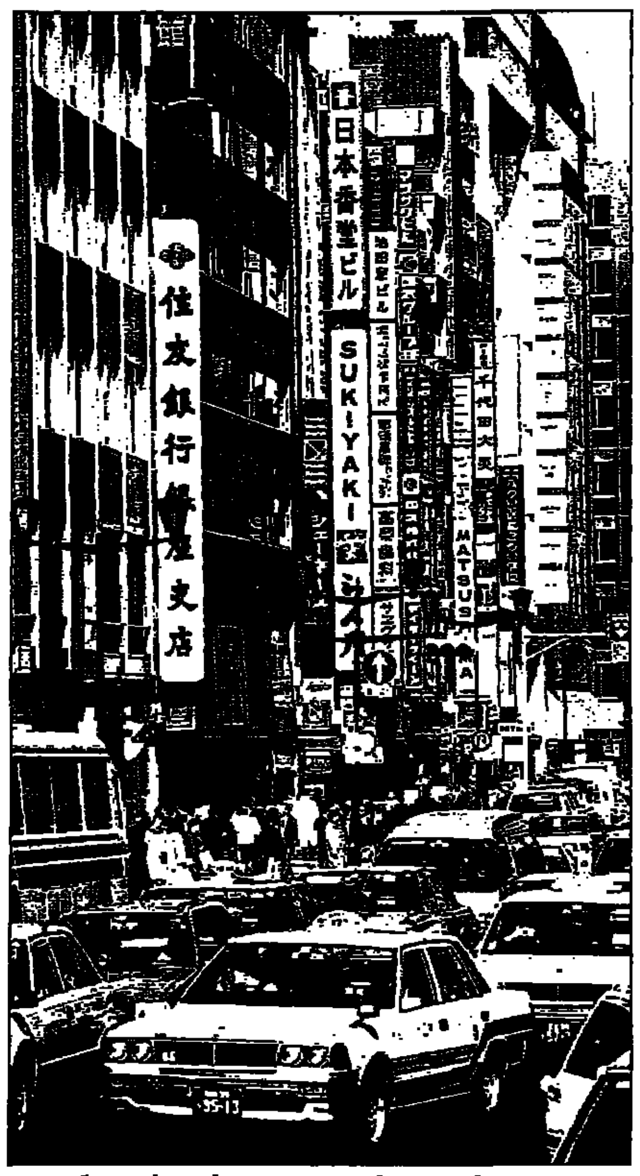
Manae Kubota, the economic planning minister, indicated in the debate that unless Japan cut its surplus, the yen could rise again. "The yen has not broken through 100 yen to the dollar and it's a good thing that it has stabilised," he said. "But unless Japan changes its behaviour, the yen will rise."

The yen hit a record global high of 100.40 yen to the dollar in Tokyo trading last Tuesday until US central bank intervention helped to push the currency down to 106 yen by close of trading in New York on Thursday. It ended the week in New York at 104.50.

US analysts said that Washington let the dollar fall to pressurise Japan to spur economic growth and boost imports. After Tokyo indicated that it would bow to the demands, America put its support behind the dollar.

Takeshi Nagano, chairman of the Japan Federation of Employers' Associations, interviewed by the daily *Mainichi Shimbun*, spoke against a high yen, saying that a rate of 100 yen to the dollar would "doom most of Japanese industry".

Mr Kumagai said the new coalition government planned to draft, by late next month, steps to lift domestic demand.



Japan is under pressure to increase imports

RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (120)	140	-2
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	179½	-4
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	96½	-1
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	52	-2
EFM Small Co's Tst (100)	98	...
EFM Small Co's Warrants	53	-1
Explaura A	5	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	82	+1
For & Col Special Inc	68	...
For & Col Spl Capital	43	...
For & Col Spl Units	110	...
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	109	...
Martin Currie Pac Wts	63	-2
Raglan Warrants	26	...
Sharelink Inv Servs (250)	330	-15

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alliance Res n/p (5)	½	...
Business Tech n/p (10)	1¼	...
Cussins Property n/p (75)	20	...
Nrthmbrn Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	25	...
TT Group n/p (240)	32	-1
Villiers n/p (10½)	1	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Refuge	973p (+10p)
Relyon	233p (+12p)
Capital Radio	225p (+10p)
J Menzies	538p (+10p)
Everest	117p (+13p)
Micro Focus	1970p (+15p)

FALLS:

HSBC	707p (-18p)
Standard Chart	943p (-18p)
SG Warburg	799p (-10p)
Kingfisher	674p (-12p)
Mitel	396p (-19p)
Acatos & Hutch	289p (-16p)
WH Smith 'A'	466p (-11p)
ADT	620p (-10p)
Siebe	548p (-10p)
Smiths Ind	375p (-10p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	332p (-11p)
Weir	351p (-14p)
Liberty Life	960p (-11p)
Compass Group	574p (-14p)
British Aerospace	435p (-14p)
Laporte	631p (-11p)

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WALL STREET

Dow slips in early trading

New York — Profit-taking and concerns about the pace of the American economic recovery kept shares trading in lower territory in late morning.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.29 points at 3,603.19, with falling issues leading rising shares nine to seven. US Treasuries stayed mixed, with the long bond up $^{4}/_{32}$ to yield 6.21 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended lower for the fifth day in a row, in the lowest turnover for the year. A lack of fresh incentives in the policy speech by Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, cast a lull, brokers said. Sluggish futures dragged down the market, while most investors stayed on the sidelines. The Nikkei closed down 193.12 points at 20,414.14, with about 140 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Profit-taking and market rumours linked to China carved 2.08 per cent from the main share index in a thin market, brokers said. The Hang Seng index closed down 156.94 points at 7,388.4 points.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed slightly higher as investors consolidated their positions after last week's strong gains. The all-ordinaries index was 5.7 points up at 1,932.8.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares prices retreated from all-time highs at the close as investors took profits, but brokers said the correction was much needed. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 7.78 points to 1,964.49.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares resumed their downward trend in the last hour of trading, wiping out most of the gains made in the previous week and a half. The Dax index closed 34.41 points down, at 1,888.27. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 23 midday	Aug 20 close
AMP Inc	64½	65
AMR Corp	64½	64½
Abbott Labs	25½	26
Aetna Life	58½	58½
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	43	43½
Albertson's	56½	56½
Alcan Alumnm	20½	20½
Alco Standard	45½	45½
Allied Signal	72½	73½
Alum Co of Am	74½	74½
Amax	24½	24½
Amerada Hess	50½	51½
Amer Brands	32½	32½
Amer Cyanamid	52½	52½
Amer El Power	37½	38
Amer Express	32½	32½
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34½
Amer Home Pr	62½	63
Amer Intl	95	95½
Amer Stores	48	47½
Amer T & T	58½	58½
Ameritech	80½	81
Amoco	56	56½
Anheuser-Busch	46½	46½
Apple Computer	28½	28
Archer Daniels	22½	22½
Arkla	8½	8½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	37½	37½
Asarco	19½	19½
Ashland Oil	30½	30½
Atl Richfield	114½	114½
Auto Data Pro	48½	48½
Avery Dennison	26½	26½
Avon Products	58½	59
Baker Hughes	27½	27½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	52	52½
BankAmerica	45½	45½
Bank of NY	53½	53½
Bankers Tr NY	78½	79½
Barnett Banks	45½	45½
Bausch & Lomb	46½	47½
Baxter Intl	25½	26½
Bectn Dicknsn	35½	36
Bell Atlantic	56½	56½
BellSouth	54½	54½
Black & Decker	20½	20½
Block (H&R)	37½	37½
Boeing	39½	39½
Boise Cascade	20½	21
Borden Inc	15½	15½
Bristol Myrs Sq	55½	56½
Browning Ferris	23½	23½
Burlington Nthn	55½	56½
CBS	249½	248½
CNA Financial	84½	85
CPC Intl	44½	44½
CSX	75½	75½
Campbell Soup	38	38½
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	491½	495
Cptl Holdings	41½	41½
Carolina Pwr	32½	32½
Caterpillar	80½	80½
Central & SW	32½	32½
Champion Intl	33½	33½
Chase Manhat	33½	33½
Chemical Bk	39½	39½
Chevron Corp	91	90
Chrysler	40½	41
Chubb Corp	90½	90½
Cigna Corp	61½	61½
Citicorp	32½	32½
Clorox	50½	51½
Coastal Corp	29½	30½
Coca Cola	43½	43½
Colgate-Palmolive	51½	51½
Columbia Gas	24½	24½
Commonw Ed	30	30
Compaq Comp	53½	52½
Comp Ass Int	30½	29½
Conagra	24½	24½
Cons Edison	36½	36½
Cons Nat Gas	54½	55
Cons Rail	56½	56½
Cooper Inds	52½	52½
Corning Inc	31½	31½
Crown Cork	36½	37½
Dana Corp	53½	54½
Dayton Hudson	68	67½
Deere	68	68½
Delta Air Lines	52	51½
Deluxe Corp	36½	36½
Detroit Edison	34½	34½
Digital Equip	38½	38½
Dillard Dept St	36½	35½
Disney (Walt)	39	39½
Dominion Res	47½	47½
Donelley (RR)	30	29½
Dover Corp	51½	51½
Dow Chemicals	60½	60½
Dow Jones	30½	30
Dresser	23½	23½
Duke Power	42½	42½
Dun & Bradstreet	59½	60
Du Pont	49½	49½
Eastman Kodak	59½	60
Eaton Corp	46½	46½

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Emerson Elec	60½	60½
Engelhard Corp	39½	39½
Enron Corp	35½	34½
Entergy Corp	38½	38½
Ethyl Corp	18½	17½
Exxon	65½	65
FMC Corp	47½	47½
FPL Group	38½	39½
Federal Express	59½	59½
Fed Nat Mrge	80½	80½
First Chicago	45½	45½
First Interstate	59½	59½
First Union Rlty	10½	10½
Fleet Fnl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	43½	43½
Ford Motor	50	49½
GTE Corp	34½	35½
Gannett	50	49½
Gap Inc Del	28½	28½
Gen Dynamics	95½	96½
Gen Electric	97½	98½
Gen Mills	61½	61½
Gen Motors	44½	44½
Gen Reinsurance	128½	127½
Gen Signal	31	31½
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	62½	62½
Gillette	54½	54½
Glaxo ADR	17½	17½
Goodrich (BF)	48	48½
Goodyear Tire	40½	40½
Grace (W&R)	39½	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29½	29½
Great Wstn Fin	16½	16½
Halliburton	41½	41½
Harcourt General	40½	41½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	85½	84½
Hershey Foods	46½	46½
Hewlett Packard	73½	73½
Hilton Hotels	45½	45½
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	19½	19½
Honeywell	37½	38
Household Intl	73½	72½
Houston Inds	45½	45½
Humana	12½	12½
ITT Corp	93½	93½
Illinois Tool	38½	38
INCO	21½	22½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	36½
Inland Steel	26½	26½
Intel Corp	64½	63½
IBM	43½	43½
Intl Flav & Fr	114½	114½
Intl Paper	66½	67½
James River Va	20½	20½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39½	41
K Mart	23	23½
Kellogg	51½	51½
Kerr-McGee	55½	54½
Kimberly-Clark	49½	46½
Knight-Ridder	54½	54½
Lilly (Eli)	46½	47
Limited Inc	22½	22½
LIN Brdcstng	120½	120½
Lincoln Nat	45½	45½
Litton	66½	66½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23½
Lockheed Corp	62½	62½
Louisiana Pac	36	35½
MCI Commun	27½	28
Marriott	28	28
Marsh & McLnn	89½	89½
Masco Corp	30½	30½
May Dept St	41½	41½
Maytag Corp	17½	17½
McCaw Cellular	53½	54½
McDonalds	54½	55
McDonnell D	82½	83½
McGraw Hill	69	68½
Mead Corp	45	45½
Medtronic	65	65½
Mellon Bk	56½	56
Melville Corp	46½	46½
Merck Inc	32	32½
Merrill Lynch	91½	91
Minnesota Mine	107½	107½
Mobil Corp	75½	75
Monsanto	62½	62½
Morgan (JP)	72½	72½
Motorola Inc	96½	95½
Natl Medical	11½	11½
Natl Semi	18½	18½
Natl Service Ind	25½	25½
Navistar Int	24½	24½
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	25	25½
Newmont Mng	50½	50½
Niag Mohawk	24	23½
Nike B	54½	54½
NL Industries	4½	4½
Nordstrom	32	32½
Norfolk Sthrn	68	68½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	26½	26½
Nynex Corp	87½	87½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	25½	25½
Oracle Systems	54½	53½

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Oryx Energy Co	22½	22½
Owens Corning	41½	42½
PNC Financial	29½	29½
PPG Industries	67½	67½
Paccar Inc	61½	61½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25½	25½
Pac Gas & Elec	35½	35½
Pac Telesis	52½	52½
Pall Corp	17½	17½
Panhandle East	26½	26½
Paramnt Comm	52½	53½
Parker Hannifin	34½	34½
Penney (JC)	45½	45½
Pennzoil	69½	68½
Pepsico	38½	39½
Pfizer	62½	64½
Phelps Dodge	46½	46½
Philadel Elec	32	32
Philip Morris	49½	50½
Phillips Pet	31½	31½
Pitney Bowes	41½	42½
Polaroid	36½	37
Price Co	35½	35½
Primerica	55½	55½
Procter & Gmbl	49½	49½
Pub Serv E & G	34½	34½
Quaker Oats	68½	68½
Ralston Purina	37½	37½
Raychem Corp	37½	37½
Raytheon	62½	64
Reebok Intl	23½	23½
Reynolds Metals	49½	49½
Roadway Srvcs	58	57½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	54½	53½
Royal Dutch	98½	98½
Rubbermaid	32½	31½
Safeco Corp	63½	63½
St Paul's Cos	90	89½
Salomon Inc	49½	49½
Santa Fe Pac	18½	18½
Sara Lee Corp	26	25½
Scecorp	24½	24½
Schering Plough	61½	62½
Schlumberger	65½	65½
Scott Paper	35	35½
Seagram	26½	26½
Sears Roebuck	53½	54
Shell Trans	59	59
Sherwin Wlms	33½	33½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	42½	42½
Southern Co	43½	43½
Sthwestern Bell	41½	41½
Sprint Corp	35½	36
Stanley Works	42½	42½
Sun Company	27½	27½
Suntrust	43½	43½
Supervalu	36½	36½
Syntex Corp	16½	17½
Sysco Corp	30	29½
TRW Inc	64½	65
Tandem Comp	8½	9½
Tandy Corp	29½	29½
Telecom Corp	3½	3½
Teledyne	23½	23½
Temple Inland	42½	42½
Tenneco	51½	51½
Texaco	64½	65½
Texas Inst	82½	81½
Texas Utilities	48½	48½
Textron	57½	57½
Time Warner	39½	38½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	32½	33½
Torchmark	57½	57½
Toys R Us	36½	36½
Transamerica	58½	58½
Travelers Corp	32½	32½
Tribune	50½	50½
Tyco Labs	42½	42
UAL Corp	142½	142½
UST Inc	28½	28½
USX Marathon	19½	19½
Unilever NV	104	104½
Union Camp	45	45½
Union Carbide	18	17½
Union Pacific	65½	65½
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAIR Group	15½	15½
USF&G Corp	18½	18½
US Life	41½	41
US West	44½	44½
United Tech	57½	58
Unocal Corp	29	28
Upjohn	27½	27½
VF Corp	45½	49½
W&X Tech	30½	30½
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26½
Warner-Lambert	70½	70½
Wells Fargo	112½	111½
Westinghouse El	15½	15½
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42½
Whirlpool	64½	64½
Whitman	14½	14½
Winn Dixie	60½	60½
Woolworth	24½	25½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39½	39½
Xerox	73½	74

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,200	Cadbury	1,300	MB Cardn	297	Scot Power	997
Abbey Natl	1,000	Carlton C	154	Marks Spr	3,000	Sears	7,600
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Coats Vyla	480	NFC	806	Svrn Trent	857
Anglian W	315	Cm Union	1,700	NatWst Bk	3,400	Shell Trans	1,100
Argyll Gp	2,600	Courtaulds	858	Nat Power	560	Siebe	832
Arjo Wiggn	1,800	De La Rue	98	Nth Wst W	842	SmKl Bch	3,400
AB Foods	429	Enterpr Oil	500	Nthrn Fds	1,900	Smith Nph	3,500
BAA	288	Forte	1,100	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	698
BAT Inds	2,300	GRE	1,100	Pearson	583	Sun Allnce	1,400
BOC	628	GUS A	600	PowerGen	1,400	TI Gp	643
BP	4,700	Gen Acc	865	Prudential	2,900	TSB	3,500
BT	6,100	Gen Elec	3,900	RMC	228	Tate & Lyle	3,800
BTR	3,400	Glaxo	2,200	RTZ	1,300	Tesco	3,500
Bk of Scot	3,900	Granada	470	Rank Org	858	Thames W	890
Barclays	2,700	Grand Met	1,900	Reckitt Col	441	Thm EMI	595
Bass	1,300	Guinness	4,300	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	1,200
Blue Circle	2,800	HSBC	4,500	Reed Intl	1,200	Unilever	1,300
Boots	1,500	Hanson	12,000	Rentokil	701	Utd Bisc	1,300
Bowater	540	ICI	2,700	Reuters	511	Vodafone	13,000
Brit Aero	1,600	Inchcape	878	Rothmans	862	Warburg (SG)	413
Brit Airwys	2,400	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Ins	2,700	Wellcome	783
Brit Gas	6,200	Ladbroke	6,000	Ryl Bk Scot	366	Whitbd 'A'	793
Brit Steel	2,900	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	1,300	Wlms Hld	753
Burmah C	305	Legal & Gn	792	Scot Hydro	138	Wolseley	111
Cable Wire	2,100	Lloyds Bk	3,900	Scot & New	855	Zeneca	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3598.44 (-17.04)
S&P Composite .... 454.51 (-1.65)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20414.14 (-193.12)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7388.42 (-156.94)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 126.9 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO .... 1932.8 (+5.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1888.27 (-34.41)

FT 30 share: .... 2373.4 (-10.7)

Brussels:
General .... 6869.25 (-23.11)

Paris: CAC .... 580.80 (-2.44)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 573.70 (-2.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1510.98 (-7.03)
FT 500 .... 1631.90 (-6.94)
FT Gold Mines .... 197.8 (+0.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.93 (-0.34)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.68 (-0.09)
Bargains 33506
SEAQ Volume 546.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 142.76 (+0.48)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 23/8/93: Anglo Pacific, Andaman Res, Avesco, Cannon St. Crods Ind, Ferranti Intl, Glenchewton, Grand Met, Medeva, Pentos, Smith New Court.
Puts: Babcock Intl, Burton, Smith New Court.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3069.0	3072.0	3045.0	3053.0	8635
Previous open interest: 56056	Dec 93	3091.0	3091.0	3069.5	3091.0	298
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.17	94.18	94.15	94.17	8941
Previous open interest: 367925	Dec 93	94.57	94.59	94.54	94.59	15815
	Mar 94	94.72	94.72	94.66	94.71	8484
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.74	96.74	96.73	96.73	102
Previous open interest: 13684	Dec 93	96.42	96.42	96.41	96.41	35
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.53	93.55	93.52	93.54	11652
Previous open interest: 668700	Dec 93	94.01	94.03	94.00	94.02	23159
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-24	112-31	112-22	112-30	46798
Previous open interest: 102912	Dec 93	112-09	112-14	112-08	112-15	3672
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.63				257
	Dec 93	109.77				2694
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.09	97.22	97.05	97.18	65684
Previous open interest: 190479	Dec 93	97.27	97.33	97.24	97.30	5144
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.37	100.42	100.35	100.41	1187
Previous open interest: 16498	Dec 93	100.50	100.55	100.50	100.55	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.97	92.97	92.88	92.89	612
Previous open interest: 32952	Dec 93	93.92	93.94	93.90	93.91	704
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.39	95.41	95.38	95.41	2699
Previous open interest: 50689	Dec 93	95.74	95.75	95.72	95.75	675
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.90	111.43	110.90	111.41	42456
Previous open interest: 61859	Dec 93	111.08	111.14	110.72	111.13	3028

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.4 (day's range 81.4-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8435-2.8581	2.8477-2.8512	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.39-53.70	53.39-53.59	14-21ds	34-43ds
Copenhagen	10.3960-10.4520	10.3960-10.4340	4½-5⅞ds	11⅞-13⅜ds
Dublin	1.0655-1.0690	1.0660-1.0683	7-12ds	16-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5343-2.5412	2.5343-2.5376	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	258.16-259.55	258.16-258.64	115-130ds	325-361ds
Madrid	204.57-206.61	204.57-205.16	83-101ds	243-271ds
Milan	2392.60-2404.20	2392.60-2396.60	8-10ds	21-24ds
Montreal	1.9829-1.9995	1.9829-1.9858	0.29-0.17pr	0.49-0.35pr
New York	1.5020-1.5135	1.5020-1.5030	0.39-0.37pr	1.02-0.99pr
Oslo	10.9700-11.0460	10.9700-11.0080	¼-¾ds	⅜-⅞ds
Paris	8.8090-8.8810	8.8350-8.8570	1⅛-1⅝ds	3-3½ds
Stockholm	12.1130-12.1800	12.1130-12.1520	1½-2¼ds	4⅛-5⅜ds
Tokyo	154.85-157.05	154.85-155.11	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.81-17.89	17.81-17.85	½-1⅝ds	1¾-4⅛ds
Zurich	2.2243-2.2310	2.2271-2.2302	¼-⅛ds	1⅛-1pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5099-1.5125
Australia dollar	2.2606-2.2639
Bahrain dinar	0.564-0.576
Brazil cruzeiro *	130.26-131.56
Cyprus pound	0.7635-0.7735
Finland marka	8.637-8.753
Greece drachma	353.25-360.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7075-11.7168
India rupee	47.01-47.97
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.8530-3.8572
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7417-2.7486
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.607-5.733
Singapore dollar	2.4287-2.4320
S Africa rand (fin)	7.015-7.065
S Africa rand (com)	5.0695-5.0790
U A E dirham	5.4905-5.6145

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4961-1.4972
Austria	11.79-11.80
Belgium (Com)	35.4-35.5
Canada	1.3223-1.3228
Denmark	6.88-6.90
France	5.8475-5.8575
Germany	1.6805-1.6815
Hong Kong	7.7482-7.7492
Ireland	1.407-1.409
Italy	1587.0-1588.5
Japan	103.2-103.3
Malaysia	2.550-2.551
Netherlands	1.8875-1.8885
Norway	7.266-7.286
Portugal	171.34-171.54
Singapore	1.6074-1.6084
Spain	136.1-136.3
Sweden	8.022-8.042
Switzerland	1.4755-1.4765

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4 Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	5⅛-5⅞
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	5⅛-5⅞

Overnight: open 6, close 4.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅞	5⅛	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	5⅞-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.30-3.27	3.49-3.46
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛	5⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993 Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993 %. Schemes III: 7.26 %. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7-6
French Franc:	8-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6⅛-6⅛	10-9
Swiss Franc:	5-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.00-374.50 Close: $373.60-374.40 High: $374.35-374.85 Low: $371.20-371.70 **Krugerrand:** $373.00-376.00 (£247.00-249.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£56.50-58.50) New $86.00-89.00 (£56.50-58.50)
Platinum: $387.85 (£256.10) **Silver:** $4.81 (£3.19) **Palladium:** $136.00 (£89.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	600	31½	44	53	15	28	30½
(*612)	650	9½	21	30	44½	56½	58½
Argyll	330	28½	35½	42½	7	14½	17½
(*347)	360	12	20½	27½	22	29½	33
ASDA	60	-	11	12	-	4½	6
(*64½)	70	-	6	7½	-	9½	11
Boots	460	35	43½	53	8½	15½	21
(*454½)	500	12½	22½	32	27	35½	41
Br Airways	345	19	29	-	16½	25	-
(*346½)	360	12½	21½	29½	25	34	38
BP	280	24½	30	34	4	8½	12
(*299)	300	11½	18½	23	12	17½	20½
Br Steel	110	9½	14½	18½	6½	11	13
(*112)	120	5½	11	14	13	16	18½
C & W	800	61½	78	95	11	23½	29½
(*841½)	850	30	49	65½	31	45½	52
CU	600	-	53	58	-	17	28
(*621½)	650	-	26	31	-	43	55
ICI	681	35	54½	-	18	28	-
(*691)	750	7½	22	30	63	68½	82
Kingfshr	650	38	58	71	16½	25	29
(*673½)	700	11½	31	43½	42	51	54
Land Sec	650	39½	48½	60½	12	22½	27½
(*662½)	700	11	24½	35½	39	49½	54
M & S	360	18	25½	33	10½	17	19
(*364)	390	5	12½	19½	29	34	35½
Nat West	460	37½	50	54½	6½	13½	21½
(*485½)	500	14½	26½	32½	25	31½	41½
Sainsbury	500	31	43	53½	12½	22	26½
(*513)	550	8½	19	29½	42½	49½	54
Shell	650	15	29½	39½	22	29	39½
(*650½)	700	3	13	16½	62½	65	71½
Smkl Bch	420	40	51	59½	6½	18	22½
(*449½)	460	17½	30	39	27½	37	41½
Storehse	220	16	22	26	7	12½	15
(*226½)	240	6	12	16½	18	23½	26
Trafalgar	101	12½	-	-	4½	-	-
(*107½)	110	7	11	14	8	12	14
Unilever	1050	42	67	78	27	37	50
(*1060)	1100	18	41	-	57	64	77
Zeneca	700	24½	38½	47½	34½	43	56½
(*695)	750	8½	21½	27	71½	76½	88½
	Series	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	420	42½	52	57	5	15	18½
(*450)	460	16	28	34½	21	33	37
Ladbroke	200	15½	21	26½	8½	15	21
(*208½)	220	6½	15	17½	21	26½	33
Utd Bisc	360	26	38	41	12½	22	29
(*374½)	390	11	24	27	30	38	46½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	59½	60	74½	15	22	27
(*781½)	800	26	34	47½	37	46	51
Thames W.	500	50	54½	63	5½	8	11½
(*543)	550	18	22½	32	25½	29	32
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	23	35	-	19½	26	-
(*476)	500	12½	24	27	35	41	48½
BTR	390	16	26	28½	15½	20½	24½
(*493½)	420	5	13	16	36½	39	43
Br Aero	420	43	62	70½	26	39½	48½
(*435)	460	28	43½	52½	48½	62	70½
Br Telcm	420	20	26½	34	13	20	23
(*423)	460	6½	10	16	40	45½	47½
Cadbury	460	36	46	53	11	15	24½
(*483)	500	15	23½	30	30½	35	45
Guinness	500	26½	39	49½	21	27	36½
(*503½)	550	8	17	26	54½	58	66
GEC	330	30½	36	41½	5	9½	12
(*350)	360	12½	19	25	18½	23½	25½
Hanson	340	20½	24	26	5½	9	11½
(*255)	260	9	13	16	14	19	21
LASMO	130	17½	23	25	7½	10	12
(*139½)	140	12½	17½	21	12	16	18
Lucas	140	19½	23½	26	6	9	11
(*152)	160	7½	12½	15	16½	19½	22
Pilkingtn	140	18	20½	23	5	9	10½
(*151)	160	6	10	13	14	20½	22
Prudential	330	18½	27	29½	13	16½	23
(*337)	360	6½	13½	16	32½	35	40½
Redland	550	28	41½	49½	31	38	52
(*548½)	600	10½	20	30	65	69½	83½
Royal Ins	317	25½	33½	-	11½	15	-
(*327)	346	11½	19½	-	27½	31	-
Tesco	220	21½	29	32	7½	13½	16½
(*233)	240	10	17	21½	17½	23½	27
Vodafone	550	38	51	60½	24	33½	38½
(*554)	600	16½	28½	37½	54½	62½	67½
Williams	330	23	31	39½	13½	17½	24
(*342)	360	9	17	22	31½	35	40½

FT-SE INDEX (*3042)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Sep	157	114	70	41	18	7½
Oct	169	130	93	62	39	25
Nov	189	153	119	88	65	46
Dec	208	171	139	108	80	62
Jun	276	-	214	-	163	-
Puts						
Sep	7	13	22	42	76	117
Oct	17	25	37½	62	90	124
Nov	31	44	60	80	107	139
Dec	42	54	72	92	117	147
Jun	90	-	127	-	174	-

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	12	27	34½	6½	15	23
(*395½)	420	2½	13	20½	28	33	40
Amstrad	35	2½	3½	5	2½	4	5
(*34½)	40	1	2	3½	6½	7½	8
Barclays	460	40	56½	63	2	10	15½
(*497)	500	11	31	40½	13½	24½	32½
Blue Circ	260	13	22	29	5½	16½	21½
(*267½)	280	4	13	19½	17½	28½	32½
Br Gas	330	9	15½	22	6	16½	19½
(*330½)	360	1	6	10½	30½	38	39½
Dixons	220	14½	25½	32½	5	12½	17½
(*227½)	240	5	16	22½	16½	23	27½
Forte	220	12½	20½	27½	4	12½	16½
(*228½)	240	3	11	18	15½	24	28
Hillsdwn	160	12	20½	25	2½	8½	12
(*170)	180	3½	9½	15½	13	19½	23½
Lonrho	120	11½	18	22	2	6½	9
(*128)	130	5	13	17	5½	11	15
Sears	110	7	11	13	2	5	6
(*115)	120	2	5½	8	7	11	12
Thrn Emi	950	38½	69½	83	7½	23½	35½
(*976½)	1000	11½	41	55½	31½	47½	60
Tomkins	220	15	24½	29½	3	8½	12½
(*230½)	240	4	14	19	13	18½	23
TSB	200	7½	17	21	5	10½	15
(*201)	220	1½	8	12	19	23	27
Wellcome	700	50	76	94	7	30½	42
(*742½)	750	19½	49	67	27	55	66
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	560	41½	59½	73	7½	30½	43
(*583½)	600	13	32	50	31	58	69
HSBC	700	22	50	67½	21	42½	60
(*707)	750	6	30	48	59½	73	89½
Reuter	1500	38½	96½	33½	28½	64½	87
(*1511)	1550	17	70	07½	58	90½	12½
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	18½	23	26½	1	6½	9
(*154½)	160	5	12	17	8½	16½	19
	Series	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	23	26	30	3½	7½	11½
(*177)	180	9	14	19	12	17	22
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	500	39	47	53	8½	15½	18½
(*524½)	550	12½	20½	28½	34	41	43½
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	6	19	24½	10	17½	22
(*356½)	390	1	8	13	36	38	41
Scot Pwr	350	8	21	-	6	12	-
(*353)	390	1	5½	9½	39½	40	42

August 23, 1993 Tot: 15971 Call: 8251 Put: 7720 FT-SE Call: 2801 Put: 1670
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Coffee futures moved upwards continuing to gather pace with the market rising to its highest level since the current contract was introduced in March 1991. However, volume was fairly light. Cocoa futures ended near earlier 20 month highs. Wheat and barley futures ended a dull, featureless session mostly lower. Sugar drifted lower but remained well within its recent range.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	767-766	Dec	855 SLR
Dec	793-792	Mar	868-866
Mar	814-812	May	879-875
May	823-822	Jul	890 BID
Jul	832-831		
Sep	842 SLR		Volume: 6942

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1250-1248	May	1170-1165
Nov	1219-1218	Jul	1167-1150
Jan	1190-1188	Sep	1170-1150
Mar	1175-1172		Volume: 2385

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	262.4-60.6
Spot: 293.0		Aug	267.9-66.0
Oct	260.5-59.5	Oct	259.9-57.0
Dec	258.0-57.0	Dec	262.4-57.2
Mar	259.5-58.5		Volume: 729

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	69.79	98.07	130.77
(+/-)	-2.75	+0.91	-0.47
Eng/Wales:	69.77	98.21	130.45
(+/-)	-2.46	+0.98	-0.48
(%)	-25.5	-2.5	-26.7
Scotland:	71.63	86.55	135.17
(+/-)	-10.10	-0.35	+1.84
(%)	-74.3	-70.1	-63.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	...		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.00
Nov	106.25
Jan	108.30
Mar	110.50
May	112.75
	Volume: 68

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	100.00
Nov	102.80
Jan	105.10
Mar	107.15
May	108.40
	Volume: 3

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	77.4	75.5
May	unq	88.0
		Volume: 102

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The civil unrest in Nigeria continued to make the market nervous and support prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.80	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.90	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.10	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.30	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.60	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+2)	164 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	165 (+1)	166 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	167 (+2)	168 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	161 (+1)	163 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	163.25-63.50	Dec	169.50-69.75
Oct	165.50-65.75	Jan	170.75-71.00
Nov	167.50-67.75	Feb	170.25-70.50
			Vol: 9980

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.12-17.14	Jan	17.53-17.58
Nov	17.29-17.32	Feb	17.68 SLR
Dec	17.41-17.44		Vol: 10602

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	184.50-85.25	Dec	unq
Oct	178.50-81.25	Jan	unq
Nov	184.50 SLR		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1460	1460	1460
Sep 93	1465	1455	1460
Oct 93	1490	1480	1485
Nov 93	1505	1495	1495

Vol: 185 lots. Open int'st: 3511 Index 1457 +7

(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1936.0-1937.0	1906.0-1908.0	1158125
Lead ($/tonne)	386.00-386.50	399.00-400.00	98900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	894.50-895.00	908.00-909.00	634825
Tin ($/tonne)	4830.0-4835.0	4880.0-4885.0	12695
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1146.0-1147.5	1169.5-1170.0	557850
Nickel ($/tonne)	4640.0-4650.0	4705.0-4710.0	26802

مكتبة الأهل

Free trade treaty runs into trouble on Capitol Hill

In spite of supplementary agreements, Nafta faces the risk of being ditched by Congress at its ratification stage, says Wolfgang Münchau



Robert Dole, who usually opposes the president, supports the treaty

Free trade zealots are having a bad time because one of their pet projects, the North American Free Trade Agreement, is "in trouble", as they say on Capitol Hill, which means it is in acute danger of being dumped at the ratification stage.

This month, the governments of the United States, Canada and Mexico agreed on a supplementary deal to fill some of the blatant gaps in the original Nafta treaty. One of the gaps related to enforcement, as America expects that Mexicans, unless threatened at gunpoint, would invariably cheat on issues such as workers' rights and the environment. But these agreements have failed to impress Nafta's opponents in Congress, which means that the treaty is still "in trouble".

President Clinton supports the treaty, as does Senator Robert Dole, his chief opponent, and the *Wall Street Journal*, normally a fierce critic of whatever the president does or says. In a stinging editorial last week, headlined "Nafta before Health", the paper highlighted the frustration felt among Nafta supporters when it attacked Mr Clinton, not for his position on the issue, but for his apparent failure to defend Nafta with the vigour it deserves. The proponents are getting nervous.

The purpose of Nafta is to create a free-trade zone of about 360 million people, encompassing half of the American continent, and one which is open to new members. The trouble with Nafta is, in many ways, similar to some of the adjustment processes within the European Community, in that high and low wage areas come together, giving rise to all sorts of economic distortions.

Nafta opponents, among them many Congressional representatives from southern states, fear that jobs would migrate south over the Rio Grande, as wage levels in Mexico are only 15 per cent of what they are in the US. Whether this is good or bad depends on whether one receives or pays these wages, but it does not constitute a sufficient argument against Nafta, since US companies are already able to move south, with or without Nafta.

Opinion among economists on the labour market impact vary enormously. The classical international economists believe that free trade is good in every circumstance, and that the greater the income and wealth differentials between the areas to be merged, the greater the economic benefits. Since the differentials are enormous in this case, Nafta is beneficial.

But the world rarely works according to the way economists predict. A more interesting model — which like the rest of them could also be flawed — was provided by Clark Reynolds, professor of economics at Stanford University, who combines a macroeconomic and microeconomic approach. His model suggests: "The winners from integration are low-skilled labour in Mexico, and high-skilled labour and capital in the United States. The losers are low-skilled labour in the United States and there is a question mark about capital in Mexico." This alone does not answer the question of whether Nafta is right or wrong: driving low-skilled labour out of one's country could even be a case of sound economics, if, for example, it were substituted with high-skilled labour.

There is also the catastrophe model — beloved by pessimists — one where every side loses, no matter what happens. In this model, wages, employment levels and productivity will decline in the US, while Mexico will suffer from increased competition from the north.

Common sense, which may be as unreliable a guide to the future as the above models, would suggest that the net effect on the US cannot be all that dramatic, because trade between the countries is already fairly liberalised; because American companies can already move their factories to Mexico; and because the US last year actually ran a trade surplus with Mexico of $5.4 billion. If one opens the border just a little bit more, can it really have such a drastic negative effect, as the opponents fear? Will we really hear the "sucking sound" of jobs moving south, as Ross Perot claims?

A gut-level assessment would suggest probably not, but US labour unions are, nevertheless, in a state of heightened alarm. A spokesman for the AFL-CIO, America's equivalent of the TUC, said that Nafta was the source of "rather huge disagreement" with Mr Clinton, whom they otherwise support. William Bywater, president of the Electrical Workers union said: "Anybody that votes for this agreement, we're going to go out to defeat. Period." A more eloquent formulation of the opponents' case came from Richard Rothstein, a research associate at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, who took a closer look at the income distribution in Mexico, which is similar to that in the US during the Depression in the 1930s. He noted that Mexican wages have fallen 40 to 50 per cent in the past decade, the result of structural adjustment policies orchestrated by the International Monetary Fund. As a result, wages in Mexico account for only 15 per cent of economic output, compared with 55 per cent in the US. He concludes: "It is inconceivable that a democratic society can be developed in Mexico with the kind of income distribution existing today."

Another worry about Nafta is the possibility of cheating, since Mexican standards of enforcement are not comparable to those in the US. William Doherty, executive director of the AFL-CIO, estimates that already close to half a million American jobs have been lost to Mexico.

He said: "Working conditions near the border are disgraceful. We suspect that some of the [Mexican] directors hire under-age workers, especially women, in violation of International Labour Organisation standards. They allegedly do not pay Mexican minimum wages and do not follow Mexican or American environmental regulations. For example, some furniture stripping companies from California have moved to Tijuana so they can use an acid that is illegal in the US."

This is an extreme case, but highlights a more general worry, one which even the recent side agreement failed to eradicate. Moreover, since all these developments have already happened, they can hardly be used as an argument against Nafta as such.

In many respects, America is undergoing a debate about economic integration similar in principle to the one that has raged in Europe, although not quite on the same scale. One of the lessons from economic integration in Europe has been that simple free-trade zones, such as the European Free Trade Area, do not work well in the long run because of their lack of enforcement provisions.

Nafta is in many ways similar to Efta. In spite of its many critics and setbacks, the EC has proved more viable than Efta, precisely because its approach to economic integration encompasses not only trade but also economic adjustment in the wider sense, and because it has a legal structure to adjudicate in disputes between members. Nafta has none of those and, if implemented, promises to be very messy.

Perhaps Ernest Hollings, Democratic chairman of the Senate commerce committee, is right, although perhaps for the wrong reason, when he suggests dumping Nafta and replacing it with a genuine North American Common Market on the lines of the EC, and to apply equally stringent criteria to membership. There is an element of a spoiling tactic in his proposal. But that should not detract from its intrinsic merits. A genuine common market, cemented by institutions with teeth, will ultimately prove more stable than a flimsy free trade zone. The point is that even free trade fundamentalists have cause to reject Nafta.

TEMPUS

Taipei travails

THE market is being remarkably relaxed about British Aerospace's protracted wrangling with the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation. Last year, the very survival of the group appeared to hang on its search for a partner for its loss-making regional jet business. While doubts and delays have gathered about Avro in the past three months, BAe shares have outperformed the market by more than a quarter.

Complete failure of the talks would leave BAe with the unpleasant and costly task of closing the business or continuing to support losses, while looking for another joint venture partner. Either option would be covered by existing provisions, but would considerably worsen the group's cash position, pushing gearing up as high as 40 per cent by the end of the year. Investors appreciate, however, that BAe is financially far more robust than last autumn. The sale of the corporate jets business to Raytheon, in May, gained BAe £250 million, almost twice as much as it stands to gain from Avro. New banking facilities, linked to interest cover rather than net worth, have relieved pressure on the group's balance sheet.

John Cahill will still be keen to settle the Avro joint venture, since he has other tasks to attend to. BAe needs to find another joint venture partner for its Jetstream business at Prestwick, which is also making unacceptable losses. There is further portfolio tidying to be done, such as the sale of the 30 per cent stake in Hutchison Telecom. Longer-term, there is the future of Rover to consider. With so much on the agenda, Mr Cahill cannot afford to return from Taipei empty-handed.

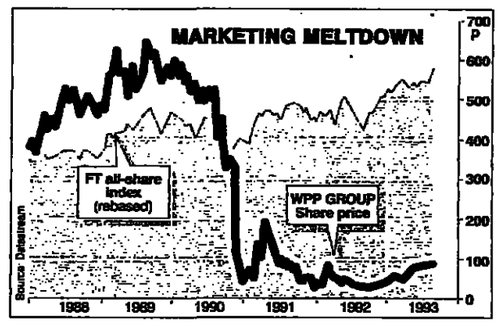
WPP Group

THE market's surprise at the apparent gloom shrouding WPP Group's interim statement may have been overdone. It takes a foolhardy chief executive to call the end of the recession after so many false dawns, and Martin Sorrell is still a cautious accountant at heart.

The interim figures showed growth in revenues, margin improvement at a time when the traffic at arch-rival Saatchi & Saatchi is apparently in the opposite direction, a fall in debts helped by this year's rights issue and a resumed dividend payment. But the rise in revenues, the most important of these, was uneven.

In America, the source of half the business, they rose 9 per cent. In continental Europe, they were largely flat. In Britain, they fell more than 3 per cent. Asia Pacific and Latin American growth is still healthy but slowing.

While WPP can remain confident that the market has turned in Britain and across the Atlantic, the rest of Europe remains uncertain. There seems no reason why the margins should not return eventually to the 10 per cent seen three years ago, but debt remains high and is unlikely to be dented much by the eventual sale of non-core US agency Scali McCabe Sloves, for which the market has long been waiting. Although less tied to life at a snail's pace than Saatchi, WPP seems doomed to a few more lean years and the shares look unlikely to outperform.



Hoskins Brewery

WHEN Howard Hodgson buys into a company and promises to make acquisitions, shareholders should be prepared to be peppered with circulars through their letter boxes. The former undertaker made more than 100 acquisitions in the nine years that he ran Hodgson Holdings as a public company, a buying spree funded by all-too-regular equity issues. The strain on Hodgson's balance sheet from these acquisitions became all too evident when the group was forced to value the brand names of its undertakers as intangible assets.

Owning nothing more than a tiny brewery and £800,000 in cash, Hoskins is the perfect shell company, made available to outside investors by its long-standing boardroom row. Acquisitions and a heavy rights issue will doubtless follow.

Mr Hodgson's plans to convert Hoskins into an acquisition-led conglomerate look curiously out of touch with new accounting practices and stock market fashion. The values of manufacturing businesses are now ruinously expensive while the ASB's upcoming diktat on acquisition provisions will soon prevent companies from shielding their profits from the heavy cost of integrating and rationalising their purchases.

Following the failure of Prontac, Mr Hodgson's business services franchise company, it must be questionable whether he is skilled at running anything other than a funerals company, far less the engineering conglomerate of his dreams. For now, Hoskins is a blank piece of paper, and it will not take Mr Hodgson long to make his own particular, vivid mark on it.

Tour operators

OH! To be out of England in a rainy August. According to high street travel agents, that has been the cry from thousands of customers who responded to their discounting of next year's Mediterranean holidays. Thomson, the leading tour operator, has sold 250,000 holidays for 1994 worth some £80 million and Lunn Poly has given away £3 million in discounts on 80,000 holidays.

Bargains from tour operators and travel agents need to be treated with scepticism: sales mean deposits collected which have a real cash flow value to the companies over a year. And the mix of holidays has changed: more self-catering implies less cost to the operators.

Thomas Cook kicked off the discounting war with a 10 per cent offer and was swiftly followed by rivals Pickfords and Lunn Poly. But the spectacle of discounts just as the industry is reporting some sign of recovery should be read with trepidation. Cash earns less these days and the benefits of money upfront will not compensate fully for tighter margins. Discounting is an easy but short-term route to building market share and the larger companies will be trying to knock out smaller competitors. That and the fiasco surrounding the Owners Abroad profit forecast, should confirm to all but the most gullible that earnings from the holiday business are of less than blue chip quality.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

M&S flavour of the quarter

WE LOVE Marks and Spencer and hate British Rail. So it would seem from the latest analysis of UK company press coverage, which has M&S as the most favourably reported company in the second quarter of this year. M&S was the best regarded company in 1992, but this is the first time it has topped the list in a single quarter. BR was the worst regarded company with minus 1,149 points, according to *The Presswatch Quarterly*. Sharing the glory with M&S were Argyll, British Aerospace, Virgin and Vodafone. Joining BR near the bottom were Barclays, Tottenham Hotspur, Invesco MIM and Group 4 — making its début with minus 544 points. Banks were again the most unfavourably regarded sector, and transport, accountants, life insurance and building societies were all out of favour. British Airways showed the best improvement, recovering from minus 3,653 to minus 355. Tottenham Hotspur suffered the steepest fall — reflecting the war of words between Alan Sugar and Terry Venables.

History driven

A NEW, or nearly new, type of black taxi cab should be on the streets of London in January. Asquith Motor Carriage, a replica car company based near Braintree, Essex, expects to obtain approval from the Metropolitan Police Public Carriage Office for its version of a black cab, not seen since the thirties. The Jones Bodied Low Loader Austin, loosely based on a 1932 model, will look the part, with a long bonnet and wire wheels. "We're already taking advance orders," says Crispin Reed, managing director and founder of Asquith, which makes replica delivery vans for Austin Reed and other West End stores and has a number of clients in Japan. At just under £30,000, the cab will cost £8,000 to £9,000 more than the usual variety, and will probably be used for weddings and other private functions. Reed hopes to sell about 20 a year — or 1 per cent of present annual production.

Lintrend wraps

NORTHERN Ireland may be about to corner the market in traditional Arab garments. Lintrend, an Ulster textile company, has landed an initial £1.8 million order to supply head-dresses to Saudi Arabia and three Gulf emirates. The attraction is a new cotton fabric which, according to the blurb, "makes life easier for Arab women because it combines the cool comfort of natural fibres with the machine-washable and non-iron characteristics of synthetics." Lintrend has spent ten years on its design, which promises to displace the usual polyester microfibre and cotton mixtures in a market dominated by the Japanese.

Hull's challenge

SOPHIE Hull, former head of corporate communications at Hill Samuel, the much-troubled merchant bank, has broken off an extended honeymoon to tackle a new challenge. Hull, a veteran of various financial PR skirmishes over the years, starts today as director of corporate communications at Gartmore Investment Management, the fund management arm of Banque Indosuez. Gartmore is due to be listed on the stock market in late autumn and one of Hull's early tasks will be to find an external PR agency to handle the float. Hull was made redundant by Hill Samuel at the start of the year — just before her wedding. She handled many tricky news issues at her old firm and was an enthusiastic supporter of the polo team.

VICTORY in a key sales battle to supply a high speed train system to Korea caused great delight at the Rugby headquarters of GEC Alsthom, the Anglo-French electrical engineering group. But an unfortunate error crept into the press release. Far from outpacing its rivals — the 250 kilometres per hour German ICE train and the 275 kph Japanese Shinkansen — GEC Alsthom's Korean TGV was promised to run at speeds of up to ... just 30 kph. "It should be 300" says Douglas Gadd, the company's UK chairman, before ordering a rapid correction.

JON ASHWORTH



THE dour and dusty image sometimes associated with business training establishments is not always deserved, if the London Business School's principal's residence is anything to go by. No 1 Sussex Place, left, a Nash residence overlooking Regent's Park, must be the envy of many an LBS student. The elegant structure, with its curving wings and Corinthian columns, is part of a terrace dating back to 1822, which has played host to statesmen, writers, diplomats and merchants. The LBS has been in residence since 1970.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Abbey: suitable case for treatment?

From Mr R. Keith Brian

Sir, So Abbey National, the financial services experts to whom thousands of shareholders and customers have entrusted their money, bought estate agencies at the top of the market and is selling them at the bottom, at a loss of £250 million.

Could this be the same Abbey National that defaces our high streets with crude shop fascias, screeching its name at us in foot-high plastic letters, on a shiny white plastic background? As the founder of Therapy Not Theory, I had better not state any theory about why anyone should want to throw people's money away and vandalise our streets. But the double lack of judgment could be symptomatic of a need for change of management. This might be therapeutic for shareholders and public.

Yours faithfully,
R. KEITH BRIAN
(Principal),
The Psychotherapy Centre,
1 Wythburn Place,
W1.

More leg room means more airline passengers

From Mr R. N. Baird

Sir, You report (August 19) an overcapacity on the most popular airline routes equivalent to 400 jumbo jets flying empty across the Atlantic each day. Recently, you also reported the ex-secretary general of the United Nations justifying business and first class travel for his employees on the grounds that economy is noisy and crowded. Might not these two comments be linked? And might the airlines consider the potentially beneficial effects on occupancy levels of providing a little more space at the back of the aircraft for each passenger?

Yours faithfully,
R. N. BAIRD,
23 Old Sneed Park,
Stoke Bishop,
Bristol.

Europe, politics and unemployment

From Mr Mario Dunn

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is unconvincing when he states that the UK's unemployment problem is a consequence of membership of the ERM ("Labour party remains the last bastion of monetarism", August 19).

The UK has suffered unacceptably high unemployment levels since the late 1970s — long before Chancellor Major took the UK into the banded exchange.

It is an irony then that he dismisses any form of effective government intervention in the economy and tries to distinguish between the *laissez-faire* economics of Thatcherism (bad) and the policies of Prime Minister Major (good).

Let us face it, after 14 years neither have a very good record on economic growth or employment. He should not then blame Europe for our own deep rooted problems.

Yours faithfully,
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NI change could aid pension reform

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, What's in a name? Everything, when what is simply a contribution wholly hypothecated to compensating for loss of pay arising from illness, disability, unemployment or retirement gets called a "tax" (Anthony Harris, August 17).

Lifting the ceiling on pay subject to NIC would make a lot of sense, in equity, and in terms of strengthening the NI Fund (along with the NIC rate increase due next year) to meet the demand on it that equalising the pension age for the basic state pension at 60 — the only sensible course today — will make. The upside to employers will be relief of part of the overall pension burden at comparatively small cost.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINDSAY
(Legal Adviser, Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages),
36 Orchard Coombe,
Whitchurch Hill, Reading.

Breakdown in time

From Hilary Taylor

Sir, I refused to pay my A.A. subscription by direct debit. My reminder "it's almost time to renew your membership" arrived on June 16th. My membership expires on August 31st.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY TAYLOR,
1 Wetherby Gardens, SW5.

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Sellers gain the upper hand

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nil	396 †	...	11.5	3.6	15.3
284	179	Allied Irish	271 †	-2	...	3.8	16.1
195	130	Aus New Z	191½	-2½	...	4.7	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3025 †	-25	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	250	-2	...	4.9	20.1
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	..	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	163	-4	4.5	3.5	33.5
510	362	Barclays	497 †	+1	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
568	395	Cater Allen	561	...	27.0	6.0	...
145	85	Cattles	144½	...	...	3.6	19.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2212½	+200	...	...	...
2243½	1343½	Citicorp	2162½	-25	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	410	...	...	2.9	18.2
£130¾	9275	Commerzbk	£125½	-200	..	3.1	...
£310½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£303	-437½	..	3.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	87 †	-2	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1515	-22	...	0.4	∞
492	343	Gerrard Nat	484	...	21.5	5.6	12.9
774	490	HSBC	707	-18	19.0	3.4	16.9
752	474	HSBC HK	691	-18	19.0	3.4	16.5
389	243	Hambros	372	-3	14.0	4.7	17.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	...	16.6	5.7	...
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	9.0	7.3	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	506 †	-2	16.0	4.0	17.5
591	492	Lloyds	533	+5	18.4	4.3	15.2
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	...	3.0	4.3	17.2
515	322	Nat Aust Bk	500	-7	...	4.1	17.3
512	398	Nat West	486 †	+5	17.5	4.5	29.5
445	220	Provident	429	-4	11.4	3.3	18.6
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	55.0
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	289	-1	8.8	3.8	...
1198	467½	Schroders	1195	...	...	1.2	23.8
904	576	Stand Chart	943 †	-18	20.0	2.7	...
218	145½	TSB	201 †	-3	6.4	4.0	...
190	78	Union Disc	180	...	...	...	...
813	529	Warburg SG	799	-10	...	3.0	20.2
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	282	-1	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7350	-6½	...	1.4	...
187	121	Westpac	184	-3	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	612	-3	...	4.3	16.5
647	441	Bass	516	+1	18.9	4.6	11.2
299	189	Boddington	278	...	7.3	3.3	16.2
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441	...	...	2.9	19.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
387	261	Devenish (JA)	387	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	127	-2	...	3.2	33.6
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	53½	-1½	...	5.1	7.4
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	405	...	7.4	2.3	17.4
480	383	Grand Met	451	+2	12.3	3.4	14.9
427	347	Greenalls Grp	369	-1	11.7	4.0	12.2
572	505	Greene King	570	...	...	2.7	16.1
516	437	Guinness	504	-1	...	2.9	17.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	265	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
353	255	Highland Distl	345	-5	6.0	2.2	22.9
3138	2538	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
77	33	Hoskins Brew	76	+20	...	...	54.7
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	293	-1	...	3.0	16.7
186	155	Macallan-Glen	155	...	0.9	0.7	34.8
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	...	2.9	17.9
214	164	Mansfield	198	...	...	2.4	14.2
299	231	Marston Thmp	284	+1	...	2.4	17.2
440	328½	Mathew Clark	436 †	+1	...	4.8	12.8
300	253	Mrrydwn W	286 †	...	7.0	3.1	∞
545	455	Morland	523	...	8.4	2.0	20.8
12	6½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
176	145	Regent Inns	176	+2	...	3.2	17.6
975	753	SA Breweries	897	-3	...	3.0	14.9
482½	408	Scot & New	463	-2	...	4.5	14.4
225	181	Taunton Cider	213	+7	6.0	3.5	17.4
248	213	Vaux Group	240	+2	9.3	4.9	16.5
302	225	Wetherspoon JD	298	-3	...	2.0	24.1
534	435	Whitbread 'A'	525	-4	...	4.2	14.2
1190	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	500	...	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	∞
27	13	Albrighton	21	-1	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	115	+1	...	5.4	26.1
107	65	Amec	96	...	3.0	3.9	17.8
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
269	155	Ashtead	269 †	+7	4.5	2.1	∞
142	101	Attwoods	114	...	5.0	5.5	16.5
255	180	BPB Ind	249	-2	...	3.8	42.8
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	...	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	48	+½	2.0	5.2	23.6
161	94	Barratt Devs	156	-1	2.0	1.6	17.4
427	305	Bellway	427	...	...	3.5	24.7
34	15	Bellwinch	34	...	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	441	-4	...	1.7	27.6
116	45	Bett Bros	115	...	...	0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	57	...	1.0	2.2	63.0
288	189	Blue Circle	268	+2	...	5.2	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.6	5.9	23.5
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	143½	-2½	4.8	4.2	30.7
95	53	CALA	85	...	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	281	...	...	3.0	19.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37	-1	...	...	...
140	80½	Countryside	137	...	...	3.7	36.2
73	38	Crest Nicholson	71	...	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96 †	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dumont	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
275	178	Epwin	266	...	6.8	3.2	22.5
52	32	Erith	52	...	0.3	0.8	...
453	252	Eve Group	453	+5	...	2.8	16.4
6½	3½	Explaura	5	-½	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
90	38	Galliford	48	...	4.3	...	19.3
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
134½	90	Hewden-Stuart	134	...	...	3.0	30.5
51	28	Hewetson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wim	305	-2	12.5	5.1	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	115	...	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	30	+1	...	6.3	...
20	15	Howard Hldgs	19 †	...	0.5	3.3	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	308	-5	9.0	3.7	13.3
126	102	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	129½	-½	...	6.4	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	93	...	4.5	6.0	35.0
20	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½	...	...	...	7.9
323	240	Manders	321	+1	9.0	3.5	19.7
168	93	Marley	157	-1	4.2	3.4	45.4
101	61	Marshalls	101	...	...	5.0	69.6
175	122	Maunders (J)	167	-1	4.9	3.7	15.3
214	96	McAlpine (A)	207	-1	6.5	3.9	35.8
40	23	McCarthy & S	35½	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	375	-3	...	3.3	37.6
129	62	Mowlem (J)	124	-2	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	133	...	...	...	...
52	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	164	-3	...	6.1	21.9
300	197	Persimmon	284	-5	8.6	3.8	29.0
31	12	Phoenix Timber	14	+2	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochin	1590	...	29.0	2.4	9.4
146	80	Prowting	136	-4	3.4	3.1	...
6½	2½	Quiliggold	2½	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	787	-7	...	3.2	31.0
117	79½	Raine Ind	96	+2	6.0	7.8	16.0
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	549	-6	25.0	5.7	31.9
79	64	Ruskel	78	...	4.3	6.9	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	274	-1	6.4	2.9	21.0
42	25	Svfld-Bve	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	+1	...	4.5	19.3
215	86½	Sheffield Insl	215	+6	...	3.1	52.8
147	82	Sheriff Hldgs	147	...	...	1.7	21.9
95	66	Shorco	74	+1	...	8.8	16.8
228	196	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	4.8	10.0
6½	2½	Starmin	4½	...	0.3	8.8	∞
151	103	Tarmac	148½	+1½	5.5	4.6	...
184	137	Tay Homes	169	...	5.8	4.3	10.8
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	131	-2	1.0	1.0	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	630	-3	33.0	6.7	20.2
39	19	Torex Hire	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	244	...	8.0	4.1	43.0
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	23	-1	...	...	...
161	90	Westbury	159	-2	5.0	3.9	24.8
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	427	-6	8.7	2.5	29.3
205	147	Wilson (C)	183	-4	3.9	2.7	31.7
194	104	Wimpey G	183	-3	...	3.6	...
47	25	TBM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	620	-10	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	73	...	...	6.0	9.0
51	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	125	Auto Sec	158	...	...	4.2	28.3
138	84	BET Ord	121	-½	...	3.4	4.9
100	41	BNB Res	99	-1	4.9	6.2	...
318	254	BPP	304 †	...	8.0	3.2	17.0
285	195	Barbour Index	220	+2	8.0	4.5	∞
24	15	Boustead	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	246	+1	...	2.0	20.5
36	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	97	...	2.8	3.7	∞
191	139½	Capita Group	190 †	...	...	1.4	29.7
45	31	Caskey Plc	42 †	+½	...	2.4	16.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	20	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
360	228	Chubb Sec	356	-3	...	1.7	22.1
99	19	Comaca	89	...	...	2.1	22.2
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslrg	47	+3	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
256	196	Davis Service	256	+1	...	3.9	19.3
104	85	EW Facts	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
31½	11	Gardiner	31½	...	0.6	...	21.7
257	215	Hays	250	-3	4.6	2.3	24.8
240	174	Hogg Robinsn	240	...	...	3.4	17.5
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35	...	...	...	2.1
203	122	Hutch Whamp	192	-5	...	2.5	16.3
2062½	975	ISS B Dkr	1925	...	...	5.5	2.5
637	514	Inchcape	544½	-1½	...	3.2	18.9
863	609	Johnson Clean	829 †	-1	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2½	Lep	10½	...	...	...	...
275	173	Mine Gp	274 †	...	3.5	1.6	21.3
1187	803	Manpower	1062	...	...	...	...
57½	40½	Michael Page	57½	...	1.8	3.9	24.4
279	172	Pennas	172	...	...	7.3	6.4
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	127	...	...	11.8	7.0
423	337	RCO	352	...	12.8	5.0	11.9
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
105	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec	115 †	...	...	4.9	∞
338	178	Rentokil	206	+2	2.3	1.4	25.7
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	385	-2	...	2.5	21.0
37	26	Scott Pickford	37	...	...	2.7	11.8
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Apps	6	...	...	...	...
1075	695	Serco Gp	1075	...	14.0	1.6	39.7
352	124	Shrwd Cmpt	155	+3	...	5.7	4.5
130	90	Sketchley	99	...	...	3.8	22.6
355	310	Warner Howrd	332	...	6.5	2.4	17.3
45	27	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
36	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	245	...	...	2.2	21.6
855	613	Amersham	855	...	...	2.0	29.6
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£103½	8525	BASF DM	9875	-184½	...	3.3	...
297	199	BTP	290	...	...	4.0	30.0
£120	£101½	Bayer DM50	£114½	-137½	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	165 †	...	9.5	...	17.8
165	93	Brent Chems	124	-2	...	7.5	11.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	354	+1	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13½	...	...	12.3	37.5
153	136	Canning (W)	141	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	565	-4	...	3.1	15.0
298	229	Croda	288	+6	...	3.3	19.5
149	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	225	+7	7.0	3.9	∞
34	15½	Eum Colour	34	...	0.8	2.9	20.8
313	259	Halstead (J)	313	...	...	2.4	15.7
241	175	Hickson	176	-1	...	3.7	16.3
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£109½	-62½	...	3.2	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	223	...	...	2.1	20.4
710	608	ICI	691 †	-2	...	5.0	...
688	570	Laporte	631	-11	19.5	3.9	17.4
223	181	Leigh	220 †	...	...	4.4	21.2
97½	35	MTM	68	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1850	...	...	1.6	26.3
460	370	Paterson Zoch	459	...	11.4	3.1	19.8
413	360	-do- 'A'	412	...	11.4	3.5	17.8
296	222	Plysu	222	-2	...	3.9	14.5
246	173	Porvair	245	...	3.6	1.8	26.2
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	62	...	...	...	...
480	412	Wardle Storeys	480	+7	16.0	4.2	19.3
490	396	Wistnhlme R	485	+5	17.0	4.4	16.6
401	330	Yorks Chem	384 †	+1	...	2.5	20.6
306	238	Yule Catto	265	+1	5.9	2.8	16.2
704½	593	Zeneca	695	-6	...	5.0	40.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67 †	...	...	5.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	72	+2	3.1	5.4	19.7
342	257	Argos Plc	330	+3	...	2.7	28.0
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	106	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	294	...	5.1	2.2	20.4
134	94	Austin Reed	132	+3	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	155	...	...	4.8	15.6
121	94	Bentalls	105	...	1.9	2.3	...
278	208	Betterware	249	-2	...	1.0	29.8
39	32	Blacks Leis	38 †	+2	2.2	7.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	196	-5	...	1.1	25.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	16½	...	...	0.6	8.2
401	318	Brown (N)	393	...	...	2.2	23.1
87½	64½	Burton	81	-1	...	3.1	...
145	128	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	243	-1	...	3.7	28.6
112	78	Colourvision	102 †	+1	5.6	6.9	18.3
700	374	Courts Furnish	699	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135 †	...	...	6.5	∞
129	89	Dairy Farm Inl	120	-7	...	3.0	17.9
83	51½	Dewhirst (I)	83	...	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	228	...	...	3.4	...
413	320	Dunhill	395	+5	8.1	2.6	15.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	-1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wmbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.9	17.8
161	71	Essex Furn	155	+1	...	2.2	26.3
268	203	Etam	268	...	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	591	-1	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	543	...	14.0	3.2	8.7
157	34	French Conna	147	...	...	...	...
73	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	66	...	0.3	0.6	...
3725	2800	GUS	3688	-12	...	1.5	28.9
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2048	-42	...	2.7	15.9
40	31	Hampden Grp	32	...	...	3.9	15.9
277	30	Hartstone	59	-2	...	5.9	...
29½	20	Helene Plc	24½	-½	2.0	10.3	11.6
72	29	Heritage	72	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	66	...	...	1.9	9.4
123	63	Jacques Vert	121 †	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	674	-12	...	2.5	22.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69 †	...	4.0	7.3	14.2
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	265	-2	5.5	2.6	10.4
152	120	MFI	138	-1½	...	3.5	28.5
376½	311	Marks Spencer	364	-1	...	2.8	20.0
538	445	Menzies (John)	538	+10	...	2.5	15.0
227	135	Moss Bros	226	...	5.5	3.0	26.5
210½	139½	Next	201	-3	2.5	1.6	24.0
40	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Ind	288 †	-4	...	4.2	14.1
63	38½	Pentos	40½	-½	1.5	4.6	8.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	210	...	5.1	3.1	15.0
41½	11	Ratners Group	38	...	...	...	...
39½	20½	Rhino Grp	35½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	115	-½	...	3.8	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	466	-11	13.4	3.6	16.4
15	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	227	-2	...	2.8	29.3
191	148	T & S Stores	162	+1	5.9	4.6	12.1
152	71	Tie Rack	152	+3	1.0	0.8	24.9
231	160	Time Products	228	...	7.5	4.1	19.7
114	63	Usher (Frank)	113	-1	...	5.5	8.9
45	27	Vival	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
122	78	Wickes	114	-2	...	0.2	50.5
78	45	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	175	-3	...	2.9	23.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	176	-4	...	3.6	17.7
240	223	Acal	235	...	...	3.4	16.4
162½	38	Acorn Compu	105	...	...	...	53.2
490	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
156	104	Alba	156	...	...	4.0	19.1
48	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	34½	-½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	66	-3	...	...	...
38	13	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	68	...	...	...	1.1
293	243	Beales Hunter	243 †	...	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	388	-9	19.2	6.3	78.6
575	435	Bick	475	...	9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	1100	Borland	1338	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	368	-1	6.3	2.2	24.0
445½	378	BT	423 †	-4	...	4.6	20.0
186½	150	BT P/P	179½	-4	...	4.4	20.7
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	157	...	5.7	4.6	24.8
860	669	Cable Wireless	842	-2	...	2.2	27.1
23½	11½	Chloride	23	+1½	...	...	...
271	229	CML Micro	271	+3	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Compu People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	150	-1½	...	1.3	15.4
412	243	Critchley	412	...	...	1.9	...
551	414	Delta	527	-1	...	3.3	21.7
359	205	Denmans El	359	...	...	2.3	15.3
620	395	Domino	459	+1	7.2	2.0	15.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	-1	2.5	5.0	20.4
1085	865	Druck	1085 †	...	10.0	1.2	∞
464	358	Electrocomps	461	-1	...	2.1	18.8
590	470	El Data Prc	553	...	5.1	1.2	15.2
116	43	Electron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	25½	...	0.1	0.5	...
600	442	Eurotherm	594	-2	8.0	1.7	27.0
155	108	FKI	152	-1	...	2.5	22.3
454½	340	Farnell Elect	448	-1	...	1.7	23.7
90	33	Feedback	89	...	...	2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	12½	-½	...	...	...
258	101	First Tech	258	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
358½	264	GEC	350	+2	10.3	3.7	17.6
196	132	Graseby	185	...	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
398	320	Jones Stroud	368 †	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	19½	...	0.1	1.3	...
325	260	Kenwood App	324	+3	...	3.0	18.2
216	47	Kewill Sys	205	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	189	...	5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	240 †	+5	...	0.4	33.8
273	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	144	...	3.5	3.1	15.6
264	164	Logica	243	...	3.6	1.9	28.7
55	44	LPA Ind	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
863	523	Macro 4	650	...	...	2.5	21.8
635	527	Memrier-Swa	624 †	...	...	2.2	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1970	-15	...	...	18.1
227	147	Microgen	168	-4	7.2	5.4	11.4
34½	23½	Microvitec	28½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	504	...	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	396	-19	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst	239	...	...	1.9	18.0
165	105	Mulitone Elec	115	+2	3.5	3.8	∞
216	116	Murray Enter	216	...	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5812½	-25	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
66	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
195	58	Norbain	193	...	...	1.0	14.7
75	20	Northamber	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	13	+1½	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	285 †	...	4.5	2.0	19.6
83	48	P-E Internl	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
81½	29	P & P	70 †	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
190	115	Pegasus	185	+2	...	4.3	47.5
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1275	...	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	250	-1	...	...	...
560	343	Pilco	560 †	...	8.2	1.8	∞
540	303	-do- 'A' Voting	540 †	...	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
113	76	Pressac	113	+2	2.4	2.7	22.8
135	81	Psion	112	+12	...	2.8	29.7
258	160	Racal Elect	255	-2	4.2	2.1	15.2
70	45	Radamec	61	...	...	3.1	13.1
70	31	Radius	39	-1	2.7	...	13.5
92	61	Real Time	75 †	+1	...	5.0	∞
35	18	Riva	33	...	...	...	41.9
629	380	Sage Gp	414	...	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	83	-3	3.1	4.7	20.9
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
371	270	Sema Gp	364	-1	2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2550	...	...	1.3	28.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits	14	...	...	...	...
165	80	Telemetrix	160	-2	0.8	0.6	26.4
984	809	THORN EMI	977	+4	...	4.1	20.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	63	Total Systems	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
505	372	Tunstall	505	...	6.0	1.5	20.2
280	164	Unitech	276 †	...	...	2.8	65.4
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29½	+½	...	1.6	16.9
586	367	Vodafone	553	-9	...	1.6	25.1
463	368	Volex	463 †	+3	17.8	4.8	19.0
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	290	...	11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	519	-3	...	4.7	9.2
538	399	Eastern Elect	525	-1	...	4.6	10.5
378	304	Hydro-Elect	370 †	-1	...	3.8	13.4
542	404	London Elect	525	-2	...	4.6	11.6
587½	458	Manweb	572	...	...	4.6	8.3
560	424½	Midlands Elec	550	+2	...	4.5	9.9
375	273	National Powr	357	-3	...	3.7	10.6
585	440	Northern Elec	573	...	...	4.7	8.3
165	100	Nthn Ireland	159	-3	...	4.5	9.4
582	439	Norweb	571	+2	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	383	-3	...	4.0	10.1
358	285	Scottish Power	353 †	+½	...	3.9	13.1
588	436	Seeboard	578	...	...	4.3	9.3
616	469	Sth Wales	594	-1	...	4.7	9.0
550	426	Sth Western	536	-1	...	4.7	12.9
540	406	Southern Elec	535	-1	...	4.6	9.8
569	465	Yorkshire Elec	556	+1	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54 †	...	1.0	2.3	11.5
125	47	BWD	124	...	...	3.2	19.4
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	...	...	1.4	...
535	413	Caledonia	535	...	...	3.5	19.9
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	...	1.1	5.1
313	243	Candover	310	...	10.2	4.1	23.0
139	71	Flextech	138	...	...	0.5	...
327	155	Gowett	324 †	-2	...	4.7	10.1
187	125	Ivory Sime	187	...	...	4.3	17.6
8½	3	LIT	7½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
233	154	Lon Forfaitng	233	+1	8.4	4.6	16.5
67	47	Manakin	63 †	...	5.0	9.9	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
326	246	Rathbone Bro	326	...	6.0	2.3	19.8
25	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	10.4
80	48	Singer & Fried	79	-1	2.6	4.1	...
975	713	Sotheby's	813	+33	...	4.2	...
155	83	SJP Capital	152	-1	3.0	2.5	62.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2287½	1487½	Amer Express	2175 †	-34½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1090	-10	...	4.8	25.1
193	92	Invesco	190	-1	...	3.0	...
250	164	Jardine Strat	224	-4	...	3.4	10.4
236	154	MAI	230½	-2½	6.0	3.3	16.8
665	389	MAM	657	-8	15.0	2.9	16.4
950	633	M & G	946	-4	...	2.8	25.2
342	109	Smith New Ct	332	-5½	...	2.3	5.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	486	AB Food	528	-1½	14.0	3.3	12.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	64½ †	+½	...	3.1	15.0
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	280	-16	6.5	2.8	16.7
76	55	Albert Fisher	70	...	3.7	6.7	11.7
407	287	Argyll	348	-5½	...	3.9	12.8
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	144 †	...	...	6.9	3.0
228	160	Banks (S C)	227	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp	68 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	120	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	438	-3	...	6.2	45.1
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47	+1	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	484	-9	...	3.4	18.0
120	78	Carrs Milling	120	...	3.9	4.1	24.0
196	156	Cranswick	183	...	...	5.5	13.7
22	8½	Cullens	18	...	0.5	3.5	51.7
384	150	Dalepak	213 †	-1	6.0	3.5	16.8
498	424	Dalgety	490	-5	19.5	5.0	14.3
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
217	191	Devro	214	...	...	3.2	20.3
134	99	Everest	117	+13	...	3.7	16.2
355	269	Farepak	355	...	5.7	2.0	21.9
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	107	+7	...	1.3	19.4
483	328	Geest	379	-2	8.1	2.7	17.1
13	7	Global	13	...	...	4.8	20.2
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	188 †	-2	...	4.3	10.9
175	131	Hillsdown	170	-1	...	6.5	13.4
250	205½	Iceland Group	236	...	...	1.8	21.1
131	103	JLI Group	116	...	...	5.0	12.8
853	655	Kwik Save	742	+4	16.0	2.7	14.2
262	174	Low (Wm)	188	...	8.4	5.6	9.1
62	41	Matthews (B)	62	+1	2.2	4.5	40.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18 †	-1	1.1	7.6	36.9
174	124	Morrison (W)	154	...	...	0.6	20.0
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 †	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	277	+5	...	3.8	13.8
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fds	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	208	...	...	3.7	11.9
250	205	Park Foods	242	-6	6.0	3.1	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	87	...	...	6.3	9.4
97	47	PizzaExpress	96	...	...	0.7	55.2
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	513	-9	...	2.4	18.0
86	33	Sentry Farms	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	94	Stms Food	94	...	...	10.0	18.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	405	-3	12.0	3.7	12.8
273	195	Tesco	233	-4	...	3.8	30.8
211	123	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	101	Treats	150 †	-1	...	3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	385	-4	...	5.2	12.6
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	377	-4	...	5.1	17.9
26	20	Usborne	26	...	...	2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	286	+5	13.3	5.8	14.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H	22	...	...	...	...
89½	77	City Centre Rest	89½	+1½	1.5	2.2	21.5
239	170	Forte	229	-3	...	4.1	18.0
220	155	Friendly Hotels	193	-3	5.7	3.7	36.8
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	109½	...	...	6.4	∞
222½	154	Ladbroke	209	-6½	11.1	6.7	17.9
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	69	...	...	4.9	17.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	16½	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
64	34½	Stakis	64	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128	+2	...	8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	523	-1	...	4.1	16.8
177	140	AIM	170	-2	7.5	5.5	∞
132	88	APV	108	-½	...	6.3	...
238	81	ASW	233	-1	...	3.2	...
198	124	Adwest	198	...	7.0	4.4	29.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	25	-2	0.7	3.7	∞
259	249	Airsprung	259	...	...	2.2	16.5
153	113	Alenda W	153	...	3.8	3.1	42.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	+½	...	...	...
562	415	Alumasc	562	...	11.0	2.4	17.2
48	17	Alvis	43½	...	1.0	2.9	8.9
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp	45 †	...	...	2.8	...
107	78	Anagen	90	+1	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	110	+7	...	5.0	...
945	703	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.3	16.0
50½	37	Armour	48	-½	1.4	3.9	14.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	152	...	6.4	5.3	15.5
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.7	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	531	...	...	3.9	21.2
290	168	Assoc Nursg	290	...	...	0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	665	...	...	4.1	16.7
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	63	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	173	-1	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group	53	...	...	...	...
17	13	BM Gp	16½	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	627	BOC	650	-2	23.2	4.5	14.3
79½	62	BSG	77½	...	...	5.2	27.0
487	350	BSS Group	449	+1	...	4.8	26.9
409½	318	BTR	393½	-3½	...	3.4	22.5
221	155	BWI	180	+1	6.7	4.7	17.3
50	31	Babcock	49½	-2½	...	5.8	27.2
7½	4	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	285	...	8.9	3.9	19.8
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	600	...	...	5.8	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	9½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	8	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	0.3	2.2	∞
707	461	Bespak	575	+2	10.0	2.2	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	91	...	9.7	...	5.4
312	129	Billam (J)	251	...	5.0	2.5	12.7
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	9½	...	0.6	...	...
167	118½	Birkby	167	...	3.5	2.6	15.8
45	32	Black Arrow	43 †	...	2.6	7.6	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
300	136	Black (Peter)	300	...	2.9	1.8	20.6
344	129	Bluebird Toys	344	+5	...	1.6	21.5
322	247	Bodycote	314	-7	...	2.0	20.1
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	485	-1	...	3.5	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	51	...	0.7	1.7	...
517	435½	Bowater	498	...	11.5	2.9	19.7
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1344 †	...	...	...	...
259	199	Boxmore Intl	259	+3	...	1.8	19.4
19	12½	Brasway	15 †	...	0.5	4.3	∞
303	204	Brammer	303	+1	13.0	5.4	22.6
22	12	Bridgend Gp	22	+½	0.4	2.3	...
123	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	41	-1	...	7.7	10.1
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	59	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	514	...	...	2.4	18.4
118	54	Br Steel	112	+1	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	29.4
18	11½	Br Thornton	18 †	+½	...	1.7	∞
268	215	Br Vita	256	+1	7.1	3.5	15.8
15½	5½	Britton Grp	15½	-½	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	693	+2	...	2.6	32.9
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	105	...	...	5.2	13.7
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	63	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	130	-1	6.0	5.8	22.3
23	11½	Business Tech	12 †	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	23.1
25	11	Campbl & Arm	20	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	32	...	...	...	...
246	205	Cape	246	...	...	5.3	16.6
245	178	Carclo Eng	245	+1	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2600	...	...	2.3	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	69	...	...	4.3	11.3
208	158	Castings	204	...	4.3	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	6.2	4.9	10.0
707	605	Charter	697	...	...	3.9	16.4
320	220	Chemring	320	...	...	3.2	19.3
92	45	Chieftain Gp	52 †	...	5.1	...	11.1
35	17	Chillington	34	+1	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	177	-3	...	1.1	80.0
63	34	Claybithe	62	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	95	+5	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	308	-7	6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	186½	Concentric	229	...	...	3.1	19.2
227	120	Cook (Wm)	226 †	...	5.0	2.8	13.7
233	182	Cookson	229	...	...	3.3	30.3
76	38	Copymore	76	+15	...	1.7	22.4
238	130	Crown Ptr 'A'	178	...	5.7	4.0	15.2
178	92	Cosalt	108	...	10.7	...	10.4
224	150	Creighton Nt	185	...	...	4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	43	...	0.5	1.5	37.2
3737½	2993½	Dana	3575 †	-65½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	210	...	...	0.7	20.0
243	193	David Brown	243	...	...	3.1	17.2
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	707	-2	...	3.0	18.8
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	.	0.9	4.6	30.7
537	391	Diploma	535	...	9.7	3.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	79	...	5.0	7.9	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
436	367	EIS	436	+3	...	3.9	17.3
28	19	Eibief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2360	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2137½	-50	...	2.6	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	454	...	...	5.5	25.0
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3000	-59½	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	716	...	10.2	1.8	22.1
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	53	...	...	2.4	12.4
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	21	...	2.5	14.9	14.7
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	177	+1	...	6.1	20.5
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	9.7	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thmas)	75	...	3.6	6.0	37.6
240	166½	Frost Group	234	-6	4.0	2.2	9.8
85	71	GEI Int	77	...	...	8.0	...
513	434	GKN	496	-4	...	5.3	32.6
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	97	...	4.0	5.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	139	+1	8.2	7.4	6.1
42	23	Glaves	35	...	...	...	23.3
801	509	Glaxo	583	-3	17.0	3.6	16.1
38	16	Glenchewton	33	-½	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	308	-3	11.6	4.8	28.6
116	66	Goode Durrant	116 †	...	...	5.8	...
138	102	Grampian Hd	138	...	5.5	5.0	24.0
458	341	Granada	438	+1	7.7	2.2	23.3
407	301	Great Shrms	390	...	...	3.5	16.0
96	78	Green (Ernst)	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacre	15½	+1½	...	2.3	15.3
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Harden MacLn	53½	...	...	4.8	18.9
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	79 †	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
228	161	Halma	219 †	...	...	1.1	29.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	...	1.6	4.9	13.5
269½	222	Hanson	254½	-1	...	3.7	12.8
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	192	-2	9.0	6.0	27.2
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	377	-2	14.8	4.9	16.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
160	112½	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
10½	6½	Hobson	10	...	...	...	48.1
159	87	Holders Tech	159 †	+1	...	4.7	20.8
51	30	Hopkinsons	51	...	1.3	3.2	21.1
167	133	Hornby	144	...	...	7.8	13.6
88	54½	Howden	88	...	2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	257	-2	...	4.9	21.7
485	269½	Huntligh Tech	485	+15	...	2.6	12.4
312	247	IMI	300	-6	...	4.2	25.6
112	90	ISA Intl	104	+1	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	144	Innercare Gp	147	+2	...	2.2	15.5
255	235	Isotron	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	498	-19	...	2.5	18.1
537	425	Johnson Matth	485	-3	...	2.7	21.2
64	36½	Johnson & FB	42	...	3.0	8.9	13.0
177	104	Johnston	164	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	-1	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32	-1	0.7	3.0	...
75	26	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	167	-½	...	2.4	23.0
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535	+2	27.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	204	-1	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	148	-2	3.0	2.6	12.1
351	266	Laird	348	...	...	3.8	17.1
167	130	Lilleshall	167 †	...	...	3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat	162	...	...	3.9	14.0
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18½	...	...	...	15.2
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
225	170	Linton Park	223	...	...	7.5	8.1
15½	10½	Linotheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	223	-1	9.4	5.3	17.0
135	70	Lonrho	128	-½	...	3.9	...
382	269	Low & Bonar	375 †	...	...	3.0	52.5
343	265	MB-Caradon	314	...	...	3.4	24.3
169½	135	-do- pf	153½	-1	7.2	5.9	...
34	14½	ML Hdgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	...	7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
214	168	Macfarlane	214	+1	...	1.9	24.2
456	379	McKechnie	456	+2	14.7	4.0	22.6
100	85	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	23.2
99	63	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23½	...	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborn	186	...	...	3.4	15.4
55	29	Mayflower	54	...	...	2.9	45.1
236	85	Medeva	111	+3½	...	2.5	9.0
114	88	Meggitt	112	...	...	4.2	19.1
125	98	Metair	120	-1	...	3.8	19.4
150	126	Metrotect	150	+2	...	2.7	20.8
83	70	Metsec	83	+2	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	75	...	...	1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	472	+7	...	3.7	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	335	+1	...	4.7	17.9
184	134	Morris Ashby	182	-2	...	3.7	13.8
31	18	Nerpsend	28 †	+1	0.7	3.3	37.6
63	34	Nesor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	∞
173	122½	Norcros	166½	-½	...	5.3	24.3
51	35	Novo Group	46 †	...	...	3.5	14.8
413	310	Nu-Swift	333	...	...	...	∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	33	...	1.7	6.6	...
140	123	PCT	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems	37	...	...	10.3	...
138	101	Pentland	111	+1	...	2.8	15.1
393	310	Photo-Me	393	+1	4.4	1.4	20.0
154	97½	Pilkington	151	...	...	3.3	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	79	+1	3.0	4.7	12.5
154	125	Polypipe	140	+1	1.9	1.8	30.2
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	354	...	...	2.3	18.7
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group	50	...	2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	130	...	...	1.0	43.5
801	630	Rank Org	770	-12	31.0	5.0	21.1
33	18	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	607	-2	...	3.3	22.0
77	50	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	35.4
7½	2½	Reece	6	...	...	...	...
233	131	Relyon	233 †	+12	4.9	2.6	28.0
303	208	Renishaw	260	...	6.5	3.1	19.9
90	55	Renold	90	+1	...	1.4	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1511	-14	21.2	1.8	25.0
55	24½	Rexmore	55 †	+1	1.7	4.0	...
151	91	Ricardo Group	150	...	5.7	4.8	42.2
69	58	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.1	...
98	63	Richardson West	88	-1	3.0	4.3	22.2
128	109	Ropner	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
124	97	-do- 'A'	124	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
38	24	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
182	131½	Rotork	175	+1	...	2.7	20.3
160	89	Rubicon	160	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	26 †	+1	...	3.6	23.8
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	925	+12½	...	...	...
52	39	Saville Grdn (J)	51	...	2.2	5.6	∞
248	205	Scapa	236	+½	...	3.0	18.0
238	192	Scholl	220	...	...	3.6	16.0
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
1075	917	Securicor	1070	-3	2.6	0.3	40.7
765	362	-do- 'A'	735	-13	2.6	0.4	28.0
660	465	Security Serv	630	-13	5.0	1.0	31.2
116½	77	Senior Eng	116	-½	...	3.4	19.4
361	286	Seton Health	308	+4	...	2.4	18.2
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	122	+4	2.9	3.0	13.2
344	281	Sidlaw	308	...	...	4.1	19.7
561	427	Siebe	548	-10	...	2.3	20.3
384	220	Silentnight	284	+1	...	2.7	21.4
124	102	Sime Darby	116	-3	...	3.9	13.3
142	32	Simon Eng	80	...	5.0	9.5	15.1
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	145	-½	...	4.0	15.9
513	380	Smithkline	449 †	-1	8.6	2.4	16.2
450	340	Smkline Uts	398 †	+1	...	3.3	14.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	375	-10	11.2	3.8	15.3
140	58	Stim Bus	65	+4	3.3	6.5	6.1
450	265	Spandex	428	...	...	1.9	19.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	370	...	...	3.1	23.5
145	66	Spring Ram	66	+3½	...	0.7	18.1
270	222	Staveley	260	+2	...	4.1	14.7
162	136	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	24½	...	...	...	...
187	97	Suter	184	-1	8.8	6.0	19.3
361	244	Swire Pack 'A'	332	-11	...	2.7	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	64	...	...	7.8	12.2
275	240	Syltone	275	...	...	4.3	16.3
368	279	TI	355 †	-2	...	3.8	24.3
25	12	TLS Range	25	...	...	1.2	...
290	211	TT Group	272 †	-1	...	3.0	16.7
254	220	Takare	240	...	1.8	0.9	19.9
868	618	Takeda Chem	814	...	...	0.5	21.6
66	24	Tex Hldgs	64	-1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	91	...	...	7.2	∞
225	150	Titon	225	...	...	2.0	19.6
271	212½	Tomkins	231	-3	...	3.4	17.0
110½	67	Trafalgar H	107½	-1	...	3.8	7.9
579	346	Transfer Tech	454	...	16.0	4.4	11.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	7.0	5.0	∞
253	214	UniChem	244	...	5.6	2.9	16.0
375	275½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	11½	Unigroup	41	-1	...	...	...
1349	938	Unilever	1060	+4	21.3	2.5	14.4
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6887½	-62½	...	3.0	11.6
915	513	VSEL	885	-1	...	4.1	9.5
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	151	-1½	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	296	...	...	3.3	14.6
440	283	Vinten	436	-3	...	2.0	23.5
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660	...	...	3.0	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	409 †	...	...	5.3	18.0
90	71	Walker Greenbk	92	-1	3.1	4.2	23.5
258	201	Wassall	243	-2	2.5	1.3	24.5
38	22	Wcrford Wdgwd	38	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	351	-14	...	2.1	19.8
993	600	Wellcome	742	-3	13.0	3.2	20.5
23½	19	Wellman	20	-½	0.9	5.6	32.6
343	260	West Hldtcare	342 †	-1	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Wharman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	284	-3	...	3.5	11.0
65	27	Whitecroft	63	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
111	44	Wilkes (James)	107	+1	3.5	4.1	31.3
365	289½	Williams Hldg	342	-5	12.5	4.6	17.9
36½	17	Wilshaw	34½	-1	...	1.8	21.7
661	533	Wolseley	639	...	12.5	2.5	22.1
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40 †	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1650	+6½	...	4.1	...
2300	1787½	Am Gen	2300	+56½	...	3.2	...
49	30	Archer (AJ)	49	+2	4.4	...	23.8
148	118	Bradstock	141 †	...	5.1	4.5	17.4
498	359½	Britannic	458	+2	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	621 †	-6	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
36	18	FAI	36	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	687	-5	26.7	4.9	...
219	160	GRE	206	-3	7.0	4.2	17.1
411	293	Heath C E	405	...	...	4.9	...
223	168	Hogg Gp	220	...	8.1	4.6	20.0
218	164	JIB Group	205	...	7.5	4.6	20.7
513	408½	Legal & Gen	488	-1	...	4.9	29.6
1092	768	Liberty Life	960	-15	...	3.1	16.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	...	17.3	5.0	15.6
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	338	...	5.6	2.1	24.9
368	274	Londn & Man	353	...	14.2	5.0	26.0
429	321	Lowndes Lmb	429 †	...	13.5	3.9	15.4
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5943½	...	...	3.0	...
99	76	Oriel	99	+3	...	6.3	...
72	50½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282½	Prudential	337	+3½	...	4.4	22.4
1138	800	Refuge	973	+10	31.5	4.0	27.0
347	248	Royal	327	-7	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	195 †	...	...	3.9	23.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	252	...	...	6.6	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	78	...	8.2	...	7.9
399	307	Sun Alliance	388	-5	14.2	4.6	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	55	...	...	...	...
329	239	Transatlantic	329 †	+1	12.0	4.6	30.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	625	...	14.5	2.9	27.2
241	171	Willis Corroon	241	+6	...	3.4	51.4
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1800	1548	Alliance	1775	-1	45.0	3.2	38.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	254	-2	4.9	2.4	52.7
404	304	Ang & O'seas	397 †	-2	6.8	2.2	50.4
141	124	BZW Conv	141	+½	7.8	6.9	16.5
186	133½	Bankers	179	...	3.4	2.4	49.2
310	264	Baring Trbme	309	-1	6.4	2.6	48.9
187	131	Berry Starq	187	+1	2.2	1.5	60.8
110	96½	Br Assets	106½	...	...	5.0	26.1
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	28½	...	...	...	...
189	156	Br Inv	188	...	4.5	3.0	42.4
186	130	Conti Asset	185	...	2.4	1.6	61.5
195	143	Derby Inc	150	...	...	11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	275	-5	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
81	35	-do- Eng Ind	78	-2	1.2	1.9	...
133	84	-do- Far East	125	-3	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	115	-1	0.5	0.6	...
656	576	Dunedn Inc G	665	...	25.4	4.9	29.7
100	94	-do- Japan	96½	-1	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	52	-2	...	...	...
689	513	-do- Wrde	684	-1	9.5	1.7	70.5
291	222	Dundee & Lon	290	-1	...	3.9	26.8
300	250½	Edinburgh	296	-1	8.4	3.5	32.4
287	183	Electra Inv	280	-1	6.7	3.0	38.2
189	141	Electric Gen	187 †	-1	3.1	2.1	∞
112	95	English Scot	112	...	...	...	...
298	205	European Asset	296	...	...	2.4	38.4
121	77	Finsbury 'A'	121	...	3.0	3.1	38.9
291	248	Fleming Amer	285	-1	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	217	-1	...	3.1	42.8
318	212	Do Cond	315	-2	2.7	1.1	...
200	147	-do- Entp	200 †	-1	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	317	-8	1.1	0.4	...
318	246	-do- Fledg	318	-1	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	104	...	...	5.3	17.8
260	136	-do- Japan	236	-10	0.3	0.2	...
287	250	-do- Merc	282	-1	6.7	3.0	60.0
292	212	-do- Oseas	287	-1	4.0	1.7	88.5
258	203	Foreign & Col	251 †	-2	...	1.7	68.3
214	164	-do- Eurotst	213	-½	1.2	0.7	...
123	87	-do- German	122	-1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	298	-10	1.9	0.8	...
160	116	-do- Smaller	160	...	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	249	-8	...	0.6	...
145	65	Genl Cons Cap	142	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	113 †	...	...	4.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Atn Smlr	138	-2	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	302	-6	0.0	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strategy	276	-1	...	3.0	38.4
393	340	Greenfriar	392	...	...	2.0	58.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
54	47	Independent Inv	53½	...	0.6	1.4	∞
142	124	Inv Cap	140½	-½	5.1	4.5	28.2
97	77	IAS UK Smllr	96	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
205	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	203	-1	5.0	3.1	39.5
239	176	-do- O'seas	230 †	-3	3.3	1.8	65.4
127	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	30.3
680	540	Law Debenture	673 †	-4	16.2	3.4	33.6
190	164	Majedie	190	...	...	2.1	36.9
272	221	Merchants	267	-2	10.6	5.0	24.8
6067½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6012½	-25	...	...	...
488	383	Monks Inv Tst	487	...	...	1.7	61.7
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	133	...	...	4.3	20.4
47	25	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	20	-1	...	...	...
340	282	Murray Incme	336	-1	...	4.0	32.2
339	265	-do- Intl	335	-2	11.4	4.3	30.2
377	263	-do- Small	376	...	4.2	1.4	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
135	75	-do- S/C Cap	139	-1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
153½	142½	-do- S/C DP	153½	...	...	...	...
314	230	-do- Vent	314	...	...	4.1	24.5
88	56½	New Frontier	87	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwtnrog Inc	82	+2	6.7	10.3	15.4
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	327	-1	2.9	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	393	-12	1.1	0.3	...
314	187	Do Warrants	298	-11	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300	...	...	2.4	49.6
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	155	...	1.1	0.9	...
126	108	River & Merc	122 †	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
419	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
423	346	Rolinco	418	...	...	1.8	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	279 †	...	7.5	3.4	37.5
156½	131	Scot American	152 †	-½	...	3.8	32.1
225	136	Scot Asian	218	-3	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	-½	1.5	2.4	51.0
221	183	Scottish	214	-2	4.6	2.7	44.4
225	178	-do- Mtge	220½	-1	4.0	2.3	57.2
92½	71	-do- Value	92	...	...	2.4	65.5
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1588	-2	36.5	2.9	42.7
89	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	-½	3.2	4.0	28.9
157	109½	Selective Asset	156	...	1.2	1.0	56.1
35	14	Sphere Inv	35½	-½	3.1	11.8	10.6
164	112	TR Far East	155 †	-3	4.5	3.6	34.0
152	126	TR City Of Lon	149 †	-1	4.8	4.0	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	159	-4	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	29½	-½	0.9	3.8	30.9
96	47	TR Tech Inv	95	...	1.7	2.3	35.2
195	146	TR Smlr Cos	194	-½	3.8	2.4	∞
348	283	Temple Bar	336 †	-3	13.2	4.9	29.3
97	69	Thmtn Asset E	96	-1	0.5	0.7	...
78	54	Throgmorton	76½	-½	2.3	3.8	31.2
548	363	Throg Dual Cp	543	...	...	...	...
230	178	USDC Invest	227	-2	4.5	2.5	41.8
112	78½	Value Inc Tst	106½	-½	3.6	4.2	26.8
670	542	Whitbread Inv	667	-2	16.5	3.1	40.2
216	181	Witan	211	-1½	5.6	3.3	37.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	379	+5	7.2	2.4	13.4
64	42	Ald Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
357	194	Anglia TV	329	...	...	3.5	15.2
103	63	Baldwin	74 †	...	3.0	5.1	10.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	228	-1	10.0	5.5	14.7
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4	Brent Walker	7½	...	...	...	...
56	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
202	110	Campari	136	...	...	11.0	...
225	171	Capital Radio	225	+10	5.2	2.9	26.0
818	718	Carlton Comm	805	...	17.0	2.6	23.7
200	158	Castle Commn	175	...	...	6.1	16.0
2080	1615	Central TV	1963	...	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
589	470	Compass Gp	574	-14	...	2.8	17.2
350	175	Eurocamp	230	...	4.7	5.3	9.5
1180	610	Euro Disney	620	-20	...	1.8	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	32	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	285	...	10.5	5.0	...
378	303	First Leisure	304	...	6.1	2.5	20.9
515	298	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.2
239	149	Grampian	238	...	6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
67	19	HTV Group	65	...	...	...	28.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	55	...	...	4.5	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	465	...	...	1.3	21.5
481	327	Man Utd	479	-1	18.0	4.7	16.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.5	5.6	6.2
69	33	The Pelican Gp	69	...	...	2.0	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	135	...	...	3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	315	+1	...	3.4	24.7
191	132	Ramsdens (H)	182	-9	...	3.1	24.2
553	431	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	42	+1	0.7	2.4	17.5
255	168	Stanley Leisure	255	+5	4.3	2.1	20.1
10	5½	Stanleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	95	+1	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
489	274	Ulster TV	488	...	10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	100	-1	0.7	0.9	23.6
22	11	Wembley	15½	...	0.2	1.6	...
48	7½	Whitegate	42	...	...	...	...
218	110	Yorkshire TV	214	...	12.0	7.0	6.5
120	83	Zetters Gp	115 †	...	8.0	8.7	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4600	+112½	...	4.5	22.1
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1425	...	...	6.5	7.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2050	...	...	3.4	16.9
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	25	+1	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	116	+3	...	5.3	6.4
46	18	Bracken	35	+3	...	...	2.0
871	233	Buffels	668	+22	...	9.8	∞
2½	1	Bune	2	...	...	...	...
695	546	CRA	695	+4	...	3.0	22.4
43½	11	Cliff Res	33	...	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1218½	-9½	...	4.1	15.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	133	...	...	1.5	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	53	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	717	+17	...	4.3	∞
709	120	Durban	539	+9	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	128	-3	...	9.1	3.5
220	54	E Rand Prop	224	+9	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	365	-7	...	3.4	8.5
899	282	FS Cons	697	-36	...	7.3	8.3
90	8	FS Dev	63	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1311	-1	...	3.1	∞
180	125	Gencor	157	...	...	6.3	12.2
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52½	+2	...	2.6	12.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	106	-3	...	9.9	6.2
360	78	Harmony	299	+4	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	309	-6	...	6.3	∞
16	8	Inoco	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	789	-20	...	3.6	25.7
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	871	-15	...	5.8	9.5
913	319	Kloof	635	+14	...	3.5	∞
157	25	Leslie	101	...	...	4.1	10.1
219	13	Loraine	166	+4	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	81½	MIM	100	-2	...	2.3	45.6
1265	820	Minorco	1174	-1	...	3.4	13.1
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	133½	-½	...	3.7	20.6
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1950	-75	...	6.7	14.9
709	607	RTZ	698	+1	...	3.7	26.2
637½	425	Rand Mines	593½	...	...	9.0	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	539	+1	...	5.5	∞
192	115	Rennison	179	...	...	2.5	17.4
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1100	-3½	...	3.0	∞
595	191	St Helena	481	+1	...	5.1	9.7
2168	475	Southvaal	1750	-14	...	3.3	30.2
109	18	Stilfontein	93	-3	...	6.8	16.2
201	58	Unisel	125	+7	...	2.5	12.1
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4975	+100	...	4.4	8.5
582	154	Welkom	510	+26	...	6.6	15.1
351	26	Western Areas	279	-6	...	2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2212½	+59½	...	2.8	10.2
283	176	Wstrn Mining	254	-2	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	896	+19	...	1.1	7.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	63	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	50	+10	...	6.2	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
130	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	5.2	4.1	...
160	82	Appleyard	159	...	...	...	...
295	203	Bletchley Mtr	295	...	...	3.7	15.1
158	120	Bostrom	158	...	6.0	4.7	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	435	-14	7.0	2.0	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
398	303	Caffyns	388	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	4½	Caverdale	11½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	133 †	...	...	3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)	27 †	...	...	2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	261 †	-1	6.2	3.0	19.9
133	86	Dag Motors	132	-1	5.7	5.4	23.9
190	102½	Davnprt Vern	150	...	...	3.4	19.0
299	155	ERF	299	+3	2.0	0.8	...
131	92	European Mtr	131	+1	...	3.3	18.4
394	208	Evans Halshaw	393	...	11.8	3.6	60.0
290	226	FR Group	274	...	...	3.3	12.8
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3275 †	-106½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	2950 †	-75	...	1.7	...
73	38	Gowdings	73	...	2.0	3.4	...
221	85	Henlys	221	...	3.0	1.7	...
917	650	Honda Motor	873	+3	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	107	-1	4.5	5.3	...
166	97	Kwik-Fit	162	-1	...	2.6	28.9
418	281	Lex Service	416 †	-2	...	3.2	22.7
159	85	Lookers	154 †	...	6.2	5.0	...
163	126	Lucas	152	-2	7.0	5.8	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
276	224½	Pendragon	275	...	...	3.0	22.2
198	106	Perry Gp	198	...	6.0	3.8	...
184	108	Quicks Group	184	+1	...	3.1	23.3
164	99	Rolls-Royce	155½	-1	...	4.0	...
223	164	T & N	216	-3	...	6.3	34.6
208	163	Trinity Hldgs	208	+3	...	3.3	∞
161	125	Vardy (Reg)	161	...	...	3.3	22.5
235	121	Westland	223	+2	4.2	2.4	19.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	100	Adscene	166	...	4.0	3.0	17.7
340	315	Black (A&C)	338	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	455	-3	...	2.5	16.9
370	275	Bristol	345	+2	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101	...	13.0	1.6	22.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101	...	13.0	1.6	22.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	297	+4	...	1.3	28.4
373	322	EMAP	354	...	...	2.8	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1058	...	29.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.7	16.9
418	233	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.8	18.0
355	343	Hodder H'line	355	...	5.0	1.6	30.2
140	99	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	132	-1	...	...	19.1
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
375	240	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	18.4
557	395	Johnstne Press	557	...	6.2	1.4	24.1
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315 †	...	8.0	3.2	22.3
181	88	Mirror Gp	174	-1	...	...	...
422	297	News Corp	418	...	...	0.3	28.1
258	169	News Ind	258	...	...	0.5	17.9
491	354	Pearson	483	...	...	3.1	29.4
875	510	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
713	618	Reed Int	710	-1	...	3.0	30.7
148	98	Southnews	141	...	...	1.9	26.1
171	90	Sterling Pub	170	...	...	2.2	18.5
401	328	Telegraph	389	+1	...	3.5	16.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	745 †	...	...	2.0	37.2
380	313	Trinity Intl	379	...	8.7	2.9	22.7
39	29	Unit Group	29	...	...	...	...
507½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	565	-3	...	4.8	16.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	31½	-4½	...	...	30.7
81	37	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	67	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	60	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
202	145	Br Borneo	202	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
339½	276	British Gas	330½	-1	14.2	5.4	16.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	298½	...	8.4	3.5	23.4
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
786	675	Burmah Castrl	778	-5	...	4.1	18.2
65	32	Cairn Energy	52	-1	...	...	7.4
268	223	Calor Gp	256	+7	...	5.9	21.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	52½	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	40	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	19½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	420	-3	16.0	4.7	52.8
88	33	Exp Co Louis	38	-3	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	...	...	2.2	9.5
67	45	Goal Pet	57	+1	1.4	3.1	10.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	140	+1	...	0.8	13.9
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	+2	...	...	...
195	130	LASMO	139	+2½	3.3	3.0	28.2
105	65	-do- Units	79	...	...	...	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res	13½	-½	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
49	34	Monument	48	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	...	...	...
35	27	Oil Search	32	...	1.0	4.6	...
16	11½	Petroz	15	...	...	...	...
136	99	Pict Pet	118	-1	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	29½	-½	...	...	16.4
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	...	[illegible]
393	290	Ranger	330	...	...	5.3	...
6637½	5190	Royal Dtch R	6475	-62½	...	4.8	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4362½	...	...	4.7	16.2
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	[illegible]	...
665	515	Shell	651	+½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	...
12½	6	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...	...	[illegible]
172	141	Woodside	157	-4	...	[illegible]	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	132	+1	...	3.0	12.0
331	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	28.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	198	+1	...	4.1	18.2
525	408	Abbott Mead	523	...	9.3	2.2	27.1
1½	½	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	35	...	...	4.9	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	134	...	...	4.6	12.8
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
395	234½	Bemrose	395	+2	...	3.7	15.6
33	12	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.0
138	118	Bunzl	137	...	4.0	3.6	20.7
302	257	CIA Gp	300 †	...	...	1.3	19.0
224	93	Capital Inds	224	...	...	1.8	21.4
79	44	City of Lon	76	...	...	0.5	14.8
236	169	Cropper (Jmes)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Com	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	90	...	1.6	2.9	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.3	5.3	28.2
78	42	Dudley Jenkns	77 †	-1	...	5.0	17.5
15½	11½	Elwick	12	...	...	3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group	65 †	+1	3.1	6.1	19.2
323	271	Ferguson Intl	320	...	...	4.9	14.5
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
133	74	Filofax	133	...	...	1.2	17.1
20	14	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	120	...	...	5.2	11.5
295	267	Gold Greenless	286	-1	8.3	3.7	∞
41	30	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Humberprint	50	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	250	...	...	2.3	23.3
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
308	175	More O'Ferrall	308	...	13.2	5.4	30.0
135	48	NMC Group	127	...	2.0	2.0	19.4
133	66	Osborne & Little	133	...	...	4.3	34.6
517	455	Portals	507	+2	...	3.6	17.3
266	167	Quarto	254	...	5.3	2.6	14.0
347	287	St Ives Gp	305	...	5.2	2.2	20.8
185½	142½	Saatchi	164	-2	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	382	...	...	9.6	7.4
20	11½	Serif	19½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	391	-2	...	3.2	20.3
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	251	...	...	2.9	17.0
68	45	Somic	63	...	1.5	3.0	25.8
246	183	Sta-Plus	228	...	8.0	4.4	20.3
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
68	38	VTR	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
93	40	WPP	93	+3	...	1.3	3.3
156	62	Wace	144	+1	...	2.0	...
255	203	Waddington (J)	254	-1	...	3.9	19.8
728	540	Watmough	728	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
7	4½	Westport	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whinney Mcks	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	77	-1	...	2.0	16.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	41	Allied Lon	93	...	3.5	4.7	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
97	52	Asda	97	...	...	2.2	10.2
139	88	Avonside	135	...	4.0	3.7	18.9
2637½	2062½	BCE	2212½	-25	...	...	...
610	396	Bilton	608	+1	18.9	3.9	22.0
110	23	Bourne End	94	-1	1.0	1.3	...
219	150	Bradford	218	+1	5.4	3.1	22.1
23	5	Brodero	14	+½	...	...	...
370	166½	Br Land	360	-7	...	2.4	32.8
240	140½	Brixton	230	-4	...	4.5	18.2
73	42	Burford	73	...	...	2.0	...
164	99	Cap & Regnl	164	...	...	0.8	...
195	120	Cardiff Prop	195	...	2.4	1.5	...
418	196	Chesterfield	417	...	11.0	3.3	28.8
39	12	Cty Site Ests	39	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rbiat GS	51	...	...	...	...
1228	818	Daejan	1228 †	+3	...	2.7	13.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	89	...	...	4.2	17.3
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	133	...	3.0	2.8	...
505	263	Derwent Hldgs	505	+5	8.6	2.1	62.9
43½	10	Development Sec	43½	+½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	20	-1	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	-1	...	2.7	18.5
30	11	Five Oaks	30	...	...	...	...
62	30	Fletcher King	60	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
455	276½	Frogmore	454	...	...	4.1	24.4
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
207	116½	Gr Portland	201	-2	...	6.2	19.2
26½	7½	Greycoat	20	...	5.2	...	...
149	101	HK Land	146	-2	...	4.5	19.8
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	68	+½	...	...	...
395	257½	Hammerson	393	-1	10.0	3.2	39.8
663	245	-do- 'A'	361	+1	10.0	3.5	36.5
252	127	Helical Bar	252	...	...	2.4	9.1
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	67	+1	3.7	7.0	16.8
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	663	-7	22.8	4.3	20.0
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	106	-1	4.0	4.7	16.5
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	-½	...	...	...
409	315½	MEPC	488	-2	...	5.1	21.0
9	5	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	132 †	...	3.5	3.3	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1150	-50	20.0	2.2	11.4
166	112	Mucklow (A&J)	166	...	5.9	4.5	23.3
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
143	88	PSIT	143 †	...	4.1	3.6	28.3
273	138	Peel	273 †	...	4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	-1	...	...	0.6
48	22	Property Trust	38	+1	...	...	...
75	42	Raglan	45	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19½	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	61	-1	...	2.8	26.1
89	34	Scot Met	89	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	-½	...	...	8.5
241	139½	Slough Estates	236	-4	...	4.3	18.5
73	56	Southend Prop	73	+1	4.2	7.3	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	24	...	...	...	...
182	114	Tops Ests	182 †	...	2.1	1.4	44.9
125	79	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
83	43	Trafford Park	75	...	2.5	4.3	28.2
66	3	UK Land	7	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	-1½	...	...	...
258	168	Warner	255	-2	10.5	5.1	22.3
202	168	Warnford	193 †	+3	7.5	4.9	14.1
8	2½	Waterglade	2½	-½	...	...	...
83	35	Wates	82	...	0.7	1.2	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
167	84	Headlam	167	+7	...	1.9	37.7
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63	+1	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179 †	...	...	2.1	68.5
65	53	UK Safety	66	...	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	483 †	...	12.6	3.3	15.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	65	...	4.7	...	12.9
35	21	Bolton Gp	34	-1	...	...	17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chartwell	43	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	339	...	7.2	2.7	21.3
601	522	Courtauld Text	554	...	13.8	3.1	15.2
53½	24½	Cupid	28	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	224	...	...	5.0	17.1
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	117	...	4.2	4.5	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	198	...	...	2.5	15.4
61	45	Jerome (S)	61	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	348	+4	12.0	4.3	23.9
506	353½	Leeds	496	...	...	1.8	24.8
42	15	Lister	42	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	176	...	1.4	1.0	...
166	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	+½	...	4.3	18.7
53	35	SEET	47	+1	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	101	...	5.1	6.4	17.8
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 †	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	183	-1	...	3.6	12.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	476	-6	...	4.9	14.3
743	594½	Rothmans 'B'	688	-2	11.5	2.1	13.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468	349	Assoc Br Ports	468	+2	...	2.3	...
813	707	BAA	782	+2	...	3.6	18.4
359½	249	Br Airways	346½	-1½	...	3.8	19.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	97	-3	1.5	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	444	-17	...	...	...
69	44	Fisher (James)	69	+2	1.0	1.8	18.5
203	147	IoM Steam	202	...	...	5.0	10.6
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	77	...	...	1.6	15.1
2825	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2787½	-37½	4.5	0.2	15.3
384	280	Mersey Docks	372	...	7.5	2.5	23.8
261	181	Nat Express	261	+4	...	3.4	18.7
284	230	NFC	267	-4	6.5	3.1	20.3
330	244	Ocean Group	330	+6	...	5.4	22.4
68	40	Ocean Wilson	68	...	4.0	7.4	12.3
676	504	P & O Dfd	657	-1	...	5.8	35.6
155	122	P & O 5 1/2%	154	-1	...	4.5	...
561	448	Powell Duffryn	560	...	...	3.0	23.7
158	117	Seacon	158	+2	...	4.1	9.5
141	112	Stagecoach	140	...	...	1.4	∞
60	31½	TNT	52½	...	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	738	+1	11.8	2.0	28.5
382	173	Tiphook	239	...	19.3	10.1	...
298	227	TDG	265	-2	...	4.5	[illegible]

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	529	-1	...	5.0	10.7
652	547	Northumbrian	637	-1	...	4.4	8.5
537½	431½	North West	524	...	...	5.1	9.5
543	439	Severn Trent	543	+2	...	4.9	9.7
577	454	Sthrn Water	560	+2	...	4.8	9.1
1528	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
569	465	South West	553	+4	...	5.4	9.1
563	454	Thames Water	544	+4	...	4.8	10.2
639	506	Welsh Water	623	-5	...	4.7	6.1
649	536	Wessex Water	628	-1	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	555	-1	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	..
106½	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	101	-½	13.48	5.58
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.39	5.46
109½	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104	-1	13.85	5.45
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	...	12.82	5.43
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.66	5.40
110	106½	Exch 12½% 1994	106	...	11.70	5.34
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.40
111	108½	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.03	5.48
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.87
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.47	5.62
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.14	5.73
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.97	5.87
125½	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.44	6.03
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.23	6.00
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.01	6.15
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	...	10.96	6.31
113½	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	...	9.29	6.27
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	+	8.06	6.30
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	+	11.52	6.57
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.68	6.45
103½	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103½	+	7.01	6.37
101½	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	..	6.68	6.06
129½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128½	+	10.89	6.83

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.28	6.68
129	118	Exch 12% 1998	122	+	9.79	6.77
113	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	+	8.41	6.60
125½	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124½ †	+	9.82	6.85
118	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	+	8.92	6.70
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117½	...	8.71	6.74
112	106	Conv 9% 2000	112 †	+	8.04	6.69
132	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132½	+	9.84	7.02
118	109	Treas 10% 2001	117 †	+	8.53	6.99
118½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117½ †	+	8.30	7.08
108	97	Treas 8% 2003	107½	+	7.45	6.94
121½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120½	...	8.30	7.10
125	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124 †	+	9.25	7.27
80	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	..	4.39	6.07
118	105	Conv 9½% 2004	117½	..	8.11	7.21
118	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	117	+	8.08	7.22
136	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	+	9.23	7.47
106	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105	+	7.50	7.14
129	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	+	9.12	7.43
111	97	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+	7.71	7.30
144	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143½ †	+	9.41	7.47

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
119	101½	Treas 9% 2008	114	+	7.83	7.33
107	92	Treas 8% 2009	106½ †	+	7.54	7.35
117½	100	Conv 9% 2011	116	+	7.76	7.36
117	100	Treas 9% 2012	116	+	7.73	7.36
85	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84½ †	+	6.52	6.99
106	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	+	7.40	7.31
107	93	Treas 8% 2013	106 †	+	7.52	7.38
147½	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	145	+	8.22	7.54
116	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	115 †	+	7.59	7.37

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47½	38½	War Ln 3½%	47½	...	7.41	...
34½	27	Treas 2½%	33½	-½	7.53	

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	0.36
199	104	Treas IL 2% 1996	198 †	+	1.58	2.47
109½	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109½	+	2.02	2.67
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167½ †	+	2.71	3.09
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	+	2.85	3.16
112	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111½	+	2.90	3.01
172	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	172½	+	2.93	3.17
157½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157	+	3.07	3.28
164½	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163½	+	3.11	3.30
135	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135½	+	3.14	3.31
146	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145½	+	3.16	3.32
141	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140½	+	3.19	3.33
118½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117	+	3.20	3.33
118½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117½	+	3.21	3.34

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CBI floats idea of angels for industry

A RETHINK of the way growing businesses are financed is urged by Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI (Rodney Hobson writes).

Mr Davies said: "Banks, companies themselves and the government all need to make changes if the growth potential of our smaller companies is to be fully exploited.

"Smaller businesses in the UK rely too heavily on variable-rate overdrafts. In the UK, overdrafts account for 58 per cent of total debt compared with 35 per cent in Italy and just 14 per cent in Germany. Long-term loans comprise 31 per cent of debt in Germany, compared with 11 per cent in the UK. Growing businesses need more equity and long-term debt."

The CBI's smaller firms council has suggested that the government establish an investment network for smaller companies to replace the business expansion scheme, which ends in December. It would allow tax relief for "business angels" backing local enterprises, rather like "angels" in the theatre, except that they would be allowed direct involvement in a business.

A network of investment brokers for smaller companies, possibly linked to TECs, would match business angels with investment opportunities. Investors not wishing to put their money into just one business could place it in a fund providing an additional pool of capital for investment brokers.

The CBI also suggests that:

☐ Owner-managers of smaller firms should be encouraged, through favourable tax treatment, to re-invest profits in their businesses. They must also understand that they may need to give up some equity to provide a more stable capital base for the future.

☐ There should be a 100 per cent allowance for investment in plant and machinery for the first £200,000 of capital expenditure.

☐ Improvements could be made to the loan guarantee scheme.

☐ Banks should do more to sell the benefits of term lending.

☐ The damaging effects of late payment must be addressed and steps taken to encourage development of products and services likely to ease this burden, such as factoring and invoice discounting.

☐ An alternative to the unlisted securities market should be developed to meet the needs of growing businesses seeking equity capital.

Revived Britannia aims to be a world leader

By Rodney Hobson

ROGER Killen stepped in to revive a stagnating business. In less than two years, he has put it back on the growth path and aims to make Britain a world leader.

Mr Killen is managing director of the Britannia Soap Machinery Company, which trades from a small industrial estate set in the Devon countryside at Heathfield, north of Newton Abbot.

The business was founded ten years ago by two partners, one of them Mr Killen's father, and at first the business grew rapidly. Mr Killen said: "My father had experience in manufacturing capital equipment and his partner had worked for one of the Italian companies making machinery for the soap companies.

"Within five years they were employing 40 people and turnover reached £1 million a year. Then the company stood still for three or four years and profitability declined." The Italians had most of the market, with five companies producing soap-making machinery. There were rivals in Germany and Japan, and Britannia was the sole UK manufacturer in the field.

Mr Killen said: "I wanted to resuscitate the business. There seemed potential in a world market worth £40 million a year. Then the biggest Italian competitor went bankrupt so that left a space in the market. Our object is to become number one in the world. We think it is possible over several years."

He hopes to exploit the European and North American markets by becoming a main supplier to leading multinationals.

Business has not been held back by recession in Britain because more than 90 per cent of output is exported. Mr Killen said: "There has not been a recession in China and we opened a representative office there in January. The Middle East has traditionally been a decent market and Latin America has picked up, although it is difficult for importers to obtain foreign currency allocations."

Those growing markets have helped to increase turnover by 40 per cent in the year to March 1992 and by a further 30 per cent up to March this year. Mr Killen thinks that he is on target for another 40 per cent leap in the current financial year.

The business has been built back up to 36 full-time employees and is set to take on more over the next two years.

TIM CUFF/APEX



Roger Killen, managing director, at the Britannia Soap Machinery Company, at Heathfield, Devon

Taking up the TEC challenge leads to job creation plans

By Sally Watts

A PROPOSAL to set up an innovation partnership to provide unemployed graduate engineers with ideas to develop, and build into a business, has won £600,000 for Calderdale and Kirklees Training and Enterprise Council.

The award comes from the £25 million TEC challenge, announced in the Budget, for constructive local approaches to cutting unemployment and stimulating business start-ups and growth.

As Calderdale has so many professional engineers out of work, the TEC, based at Brighouse, will offer them a choice of product ideas supplied by organisations like the British Technology Group. It will then create a team, including a financial and marketing manager, supply free business and technical training or updating and advise on funding.

Jill Minter, marketing manager, said: "Applications are arriving from people of all ages. Huddersfield University has contracted to develop the scheme and provide training. We hope to find 60 managers and start 20 new businesses by next spring."

Two's Company, the TEC's second successful bid, has won £400,000 to help micro firms — up to five employees — take on staff. To avoid red tape, a business advisory company will select and recruit.

The TEC will also provide free customised skills training and give grants, or easy-term loans, for equipment vital to expansion. Aztec, which serves Kingston upon Thames, Merton and Wandsworth, has also won two TEC challenge bids. One, called New Ventures, will assist 30 small businesses with capital investment, in cases where this will enable them to expand or diversify, and recruit long-term unemployed. The project is expected to create 150 new jobs by the spring.

So far, eight firms have been identified; those taking part must produce a viable development plan.

David Hunt, employment secretary, hopes some of the best schemes generated by TEC challenge will become standard practice.

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South East tops small firms' start-up chart



Bradford: 'firms cautious'

RECOVERY is still not showing through in small business start-ups, figures released by National Westminster Bank and the Department of Trade and Industry indicate (Rodney Hobson writes).

NatWest says that about 90,000 small firms began trading in the April-June quarter, about 5,000 fewer than in the first quarter of 1993. The second quarter traditionally shows a fall in start-ups. Nevertheless, the 185,000 total for the first six months is the same as for the second half of 1992.

The bank says that the highest number of start-ups this year has been in the South East, with 72,000 new businesses, and the lowest in the South West, with 26,000. About 45,000 started trading in the Midlands and Wales and 42,000 in the North. The figures do not include Scotland and Northern Ireland.

A DTI analysis of VAT registrations for 1992, published this month, shows a net decrease of 41,000 businesses, equal to 2.5 per cent of the 1.6 million businesses existing at the start of the year.

The DTI says that the figures are a guide to the size of the small business population, since most registrations are small companies. There were 189,000 new registrations and 230,000 deregistrations.

Jane Bradford, NatWest head of small business services, says: "Although there are signs that recovery in the small business sector is under way, the recession has hit small firms hard and, as a result, they are still very cautious about future prospects.

"However, if forecasts for economic recovery prove correct and small business confidence continues to grow, albeit slowly, I would estimate that this year's start-ups will reach about 370,000."

BRIEFINGS

Small firms trading with The Netherlands are being invited to compete for the 1993 Anglo-Dutch Awards for Enterprise. The contest, run by The Netherlands British Chamber of Commerce, will be judged by Dutch and British government officials and business people. Awards are to go to a small organisation and a large organisation in each country, chosen for enterprise, attention to new products and services, marketing, design, job creation, staff training, management skills and community relations. ABN-AMRO Bank, Raleigh Holland, Shell UK and Unilever are sponsors. The chamber can be contacted on 071-242 1064.

☐ Agricultural specialists at Moores Rowland, the chartered accountant, have produced guidelines on tax planning for farmers, including tax rules for agricultural businesses relating to inheritance tax relief, VAT, share farming and building allowances. Contact: Joanna Simon, 081-547 1909.

☐ The first government guaranteed loans for the new limit of £250,000 have been made to Watson's Confectioners, of Halifax, Raand Systems, of Livingstone, and SLS (Wales), of Llanelli.

Edited by Derek Harris

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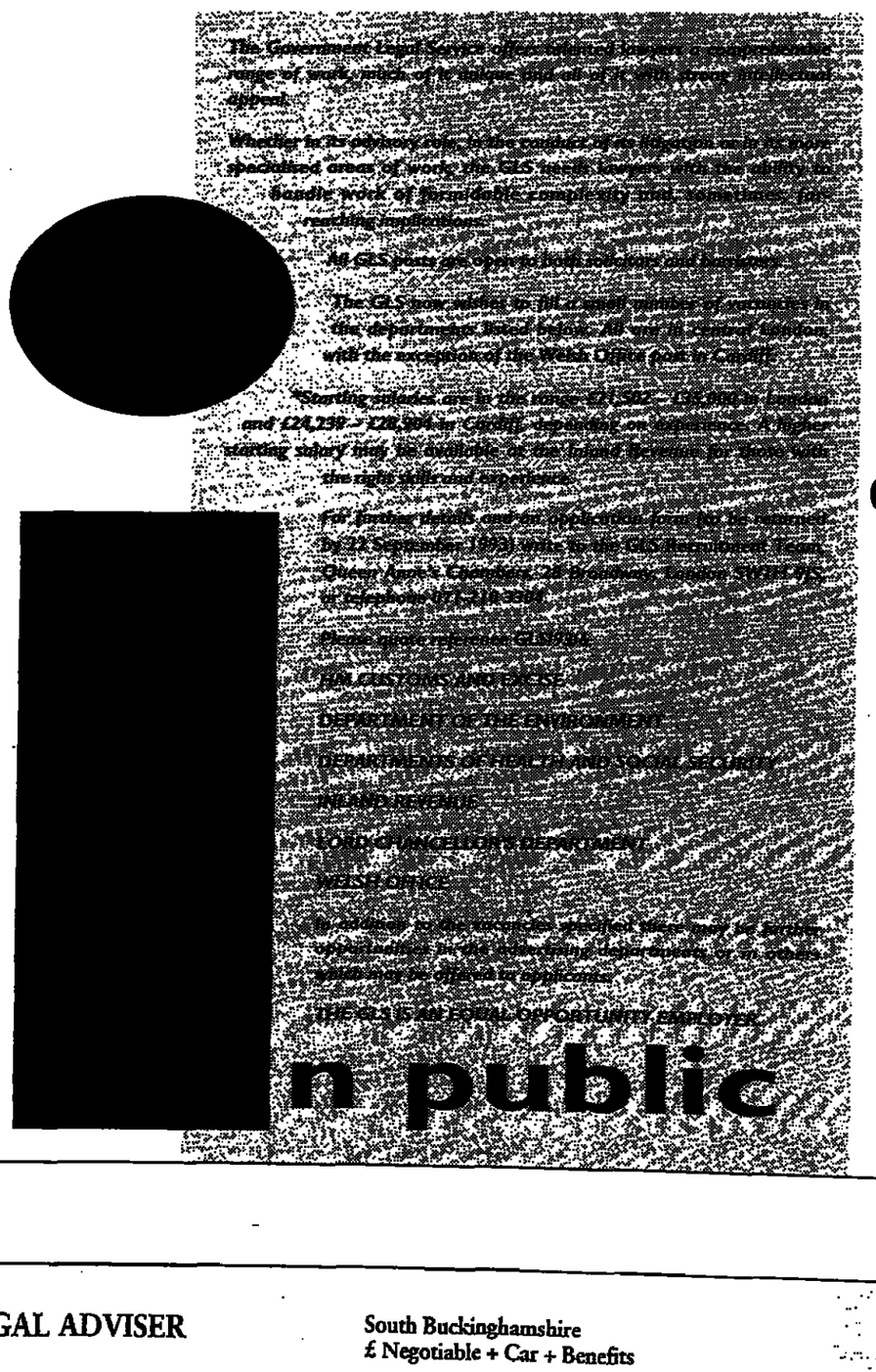
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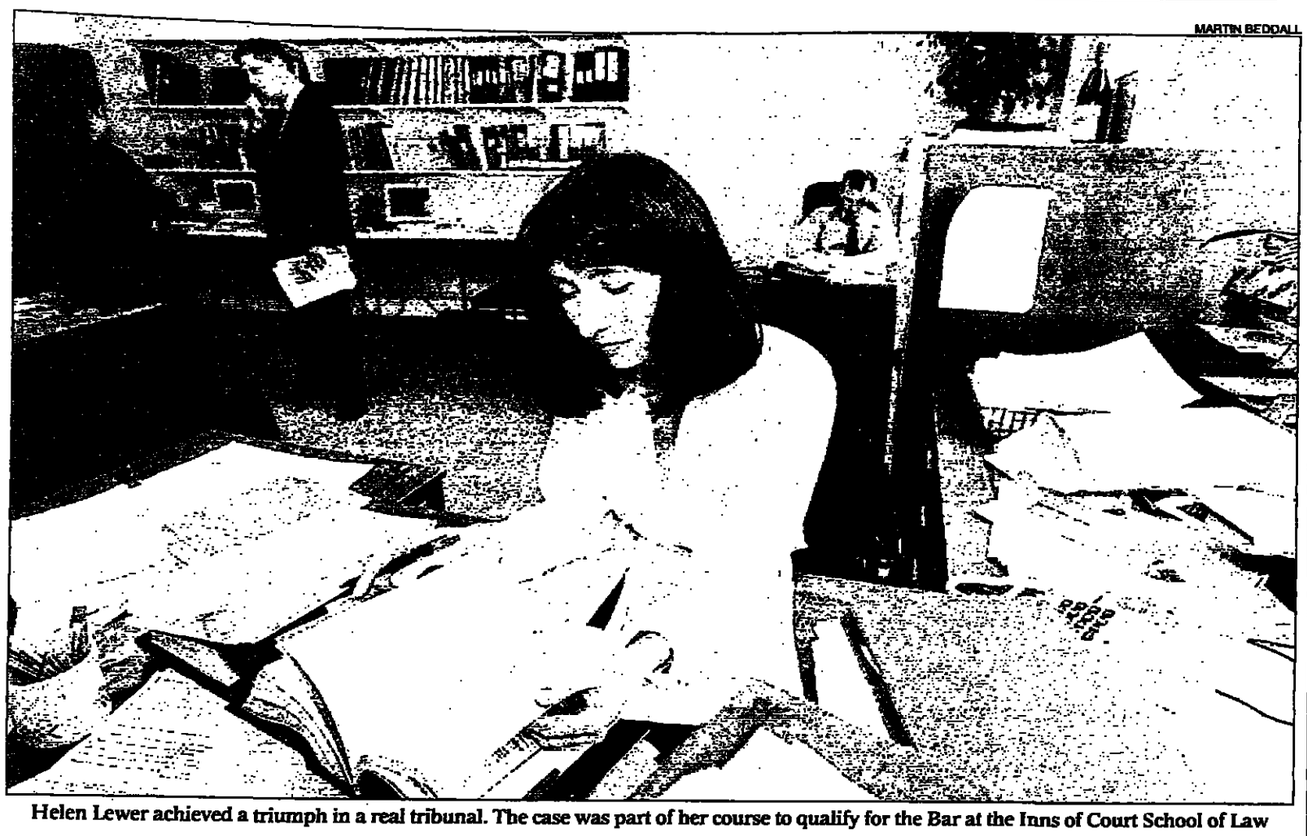
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A recent initiative is helping students to gain on-job experience. **Frances Gibb** reports


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Helen Lewer achieved a triumph in a real tribunal. The case was part of her course to qualify for the Bar at the Inns of Court School of Law

Bar trainees go live

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For any dismissed employee, the finding would be a triumph. But in this case, victory was all the sweeter: he was represented by a law student who fought the dismissal as part of her training for the Bar.

Last week, Helen Lewer heard that she had passed the finals at the end of the Bar's one-year vocational course. She is one of a small group of students who, for the first time in England, have taken on real cases and been assessed on them in order to qualify at the Inns of Court School of Law.

Ms Lewer said: "I found it the most useful part of the course because I was dealing with clients and solicitors. There's only so much you can do in role-playing with colleagues — it was invaluable. I could put the theory I learned on the course into practice; and then feed back into the course what I drew from the real-life experience."

Although on-job training for law students is common in America and elsewhere, it is rare in Britain. One or two law-degree courses have involved "live" work, but surprisingly not — until now — the Bar vocational course itself. Nigel Duncan, the course coordinator at the Council of Legal Education (CLE), which runs the Bar finals course, says: "All the practical work we do is simulated. We thought it would be good for students to have the experience of doing real-life work to put into a practical context all the different skills we teach, such as legal research and fact management."

Law students have always done voluntary work at a referral unit known as the Bar's Free Representation Unit (FRU), which takes on tribunal cases sent by law centres and advice bureaux and acts for people without charge. The CLE decided to build on this and devised a structured option for students in their third term, involving work at the unit and being assessed on what they did.

For the first time this summer, 24 students chose the FRU option and spent anything from 50 to 100 hours on cases. They chose one case to write up and present for assessment. Mr Duncan said: "One of the things we tried to assess was the quality of their work on the case, how effective they were in discovering documents and in seeking further particulars, and obviously their advice to the client."

> 'We thought students should have experience of real-life work

Students are not let loose without some training. They had attended two courses on tribunals, then done "seconding" — working alongside an experienced FRU worker, visiting a tribunal, and writing an opinion on a case. After that, they were free to work as a FRU representative in the normal way, although if they decided to choose a case for assessment, the client's permission was sought.

It was this — their effective case management in the interests of the client — on which they were marked. For Ms Lewer, it was "nerve-wracking". "But the FRU staff were always on hand to help and there was plenty of reference material," she added. The students' case files were double-marked and all but two students passed.

Now there are plans to expand the scheme; next year it will be offered to 36 students. The Bar Council, meanwhile, is seeking to expand the work of the other FRUs themselves.

John Rowe QC, Bar chairman, wants to see more barristers — not just young ones — taking on FRU cases. The unit has recently started a drive to encourage barristers to offer their services at a time when the numbers of tribunal cases handled by the unit are rising fast. This year the unit predicts it will have a record 2,400 clients on its files, 25 per cent more than last year.

Under the scheme, each set of chambers in London and the South East will be asked to take on cases: a full-time solicitor will have handled all preparatory work. Mr Rowe wants to develop units elsewhere. Manchester, Liverpool and Swansea already have them and there are plans to cover tribunals in the Home Counties. The development could be crucial to the Bar's training: the future is pointing the way to a regionalising of this training, with the CLE licensing institutions offering the finals course at centres around the country. At present, it is available only in London.

With the growing emphasis on practical training for the Bar, regional training centres could tie up with local FRU units, giving students vital on-the-job training, as well plugging a gap in legal services to the public.

Most Worshipful Guilds of Men

Seventy-five years ago, suffragettes were celebrating victory. With the enactment of the Representation of the People Act 1918, votes for women had become a reality, albeit one not completed for ten more years.

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Livery company leaders on parade

Most, however, do not. Women whose interest in a livery company is motivated by involvement in the relevant trade are, therefore, effectively disenfranchised if it happens that their trade's company does not admit women. A woman involved in fruit wholesaling, for instance, could not until very recently join the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers (more than half of whose members are involved in the fruit trade), and simply would not want to join the Farriers' or Fishmongers'.

But is the exclusion of women, from such companies as Pewterers or Saddlers, legal? A year after the Representation of the People Act, a less celebrated measure was passed. The Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919 was designed to remove any disqualifications preventing women from exercising public functions and engaging in the professions.

Section 1 of the Act provides that "a person shall not be disqualified by sex ... from the exercise of any public function ... or for admission into any incorporated society (whether incorporated by royal charter or otherwise) ..."

The companies, incorporated by royal charters, may seem to fall under that heading of the Act. The legislation does not cover everybody with a royal charter, however. In 1979, Mr Justice Slynn (now a law lord) considered that the meaning of "incorporated society" was not clear — it was different, he held, from "incorporated body" *(Hugh-Jones v St John's College Cambridge* 1979). Since *Hart v Pepper*, such an ambiguity can be resolved by Hansard. The relevant words were added as a government amendment, which had, it was said, been asked for by the Faculty of Actuaries in Edinburgh. The point was to "ensure the admission of women to certain incorporated professional associations".

Are the companies professional associations? They no longer have the power (or the inclination) to exclude non-members from practising the trade. Nevertheless, they are often deeply involved in the development of the trade and have close links with vocational training. Some even retain a statutory consumer-protection role. There is no suggestion that they do these things in a discriminatory way. Yet a woman involved in the relevant trade may justifiably feel that non-admission disqualifies her from taking a full part in the wider life of her trade.

Further, a potential woman recruit involved in a particular trade might thereby be prevented from exercising a "public function" — the election of the Lord Mayor.

The disqualification may seem indirect, but then so too are other targets of the Act. There was no sex disqualification for the appointment of judges, for instance, but Lord Birkenhead, when he was Lord Chancellor, made it clear in his speech on the second reading in 1919 that the removal of the prohibition of women barristers was partly motivated by the desire to allow the appointment of women to the judiciary. How slowly things change.

Voluntary reform would bring the companies within the letter of the law as well as the spirit of the age. It might also help to maintain their relevance, as more and more women come into their traditional trades.

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Teenagers have a very strange view of the legal system, judging by some A-level answers

'Guilty until proven otherwise'

Last week, A-level results were published. Perhaps the recent Royal Commission on Criminal Justice should have taken evidence from some of the students studying law at A level.

A look at some of their comments in this summer's examinations shows the need for reform of the criminal justice system in England and Wales as viewed by the student. We are told that "magistrates must be between 18 and 70 years old and anyone with a criminal record", thus, apparently, automatically qualifying villains to become magistrates.

Another candidate disagreed, saying magistrates "aren't usually appointed before the age of 30, so any childish habits will no longer exist", and another said that a "JP may be a butcher, baker or candlestick-maker with no legal training".

It was even more surprising to learn that "50 per cent of magistrates are men and 49 per cent are women". The missing 1 per cent may explain the statement that "three magistrates sit in court, one man, one woman and one other".

The argument for retaining the defendant's right to choose jury trial is strengthened by one student's variation of the presumption that a defendant "is guilty unless proven otherwise" and by the fact that "the magistrates will ask the defendant how he pleads; if it is guilty, they will sentence him; if it is not guilty, they will convict him". This at least seems to accord with the notion that "when somebody's broken the law and there is sufficient evidence, they shouldn't have the chance to give their side of the story; they should be punished there and then".

Then there is the whole question of sentencing. When a defendant has the right to choose between Crown Court and magistrates' court for trial, he must, in one student's view, "be warned that should he choose the magistrates, he should not be fooled into thinking he will get a lenient sentence".

Indeed the defendant had better be aware of what potential sentences await him; according to one student, "magistrates can decide on various forms of sentencing, be it custodial, community orders, probation or bending over" or "if an offender has committed a really serious crime it may be the only answer is to put him in cold storage".

As a result of this sentencing policy, it is probably accurate for another student to state that "it is unusual for a defendant to appeal for harsher charges", and perhaps it is not surprising to learn that "96.5 per cent of the population are in prison" (96.5 per 100,000 population is the correct figure).

The problems with the appeal system are summed up simply ... "the appeal system can be seen as foolish and in need of reform". The final word, however, must go to the student who said: "There have been some funny decisions in the past."

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No place like home

THE government's plans to criminalise squatting, which may be included in the Queen's Speech this autumn, are likely to have a disproportionate impact on young people, according to figures from a charity for the homeless.

Centrepoint Soho, of London, says that 71 per cent of squatters are under 18, and that 46 per cent have recently left council care, despite duties imposed on local authorities by the Children Act to look after young people until the age of 21. More than 70 per cent of those surveyed said they had nowhere else to go.

I'll thue, Mummy

WITH the rise in child-centred legal actions, the Children's Legal Centre has brought out *Your Say in Court*, a new guide for children and young people. Since the Children Act 1989 came into force in October 1991, the centre has been contacted in about 40 cases by children, young people and adults over matters in which there is the possibility of their starting court proceedings.

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Nicola Wyld, the author, says that the book is not intended to incite children to legal action against their parents. Court proceedings should only ever be a last resort, she says.



How bad is a fail?

SIMON Allen, a trainee chartered accountant, is suing the accountants Ernst & Young for alleged breach of contract after he was sacked after failing his Part 1 professional examinations early last year.

Mr Allen claims that he was dismissed without any warning about his exam performance and despite the fact that his failure was not a "bad fail", as accountancy student training contracts require. The contracts have not been put to the test in court before. Many dismissed trainees may be awaiting the outcome of the case with interest. Ernst & Young would not comment.

Timely shock

IS the citizen's charter finally penetrating the recesses of the courts? For the first time, the county courts are not closing early in August at 2 pm, but staying open until — wait for it — 4 pm. Not exactly late by most standards, but a start.

The Lord Chancellor's department is certainly putting a positive gloss on this radical change: in the spirit of the citizen's and courts' charters, it says, it has been decided the county courts should remain open "for the full working day throughout the year, providing an improved service to the public". Next target: late sittings.

Baby change

WOMEN will obtain better maternity leave soon under the provisions of the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993. At present, the law gives 29 weeks' leave, but only for women with more than two years' continuous service.

When the Act comes into force, by October 1994 at the latest, all women will be entitled to 14 weeks' maternity leave in their first two years of employment, as long as they comply with simple rules.

Geoffrey Jones, an employment lawyer with Cartwrights, a firm of Bristol solicitors, said that the new rights would be "of major benefit to many female employees but will have cost and organisational implications for all employers".

Ian Hunter's article on the Act last week stated that claims for dismissal had to be brought within six months of the date of dismissal. The period is, in fact, six years.

SCRIVENOR


More central control could set the police further apart

Who should police the police?

The proposed reforms raise serious questions about who exercises control, says **Leonard Jason-Lloyd**

THE recent government white paper, *Police Reform — A Police Service for the Twenty-First Century*, will drastically change the face of British policing if put into full effect.

The white paper's main emphasis is on efficiency and cost. One set of issues that has aroused particular concern is the proposed reforms of the structure of the police authorities.

Although the size of police authorities varies throughout the country, from about six people to more than 40, the proportion of councillors and magistrates within them is the same. Derbyshire, for instance, has a 21-member authority comprising 14 county councillors (two thirds) and seven magistrates (one third).

First, the white paper proposes that all the authorities should consist of 16 members. This could be beneficial in terms of trimming authorities that are particularly cumbersome. However, it is the proposed composition of the authorities which is causing concern.

The government intends that the 16 members of police authorities should comprise eight councillors, three magistrates and five people appointed direct by the home secretary. This means that half of the membership will be non-elected. However, the white paper goes even further and suggests that the home secretary may even have the power to appoint the chairperson of every police authority. This will give such a person considerable advantages, including the casting vote.

The proposals do not end there. The white paper suggests four ways in which councillors may be chosen to serve on police authorities. Two of them basically state that the home secretary may either require local authorities to change any of their nominees or even select them himself. As for magistrates to sit on the authorities, they could be chosen by new selection panels.

The proposals also include plans for a police authority for London, but with an elected element as proposed by the then home secretary in March. Instead, it is intended to consist of up to 16 members exclusively appointed by the home secretary. If such proposals for police authorities are put into effect, there will be a massive shift in overall control of the police in favour of central government.

What powers does the home secretary have now? He may sack a chief constable on efficiency grounds following an investigation even though a police authority may disagree. He can block the appointment of any chief constable, deputy or assistant chief constable. He can withhold about 50 per cent of the central government grant to any police force, request a report on policing matters from any chief constable, and can amalgamate police forces. He is also responsible for setting the overall conditions of service and has powers over the supply of central services such as riot-control equipment. These powers are considered by many to be more than adequate to fulfil any central government commitment to law and order within traditional British policing.

One of the best tenets of the present system is the balance between central government power and local accountability. Under the proposed reforms the checks and balances at local level will be in jeopardy. It is not so much the power that police authorities possess that makes them so important, as the power that they deny central government from having over the police.

It has been said that many aspects of the government's white paper point towards more centralised control of the police. The proposed reforms of the police authorities alone may well distance ordinary people more from a service that has always been an integral part of our society. Local police authorities have not always made the best decisions, but surely it is better to maintain some semblance of the existing checks and balances, to ensure that no single aspect of our constitution has the power to make all the mistakes.

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Image in need of a face-lift

The Bar remains steeped in tradition and still has far to go to be genuinely accessible to aspiring lawyers, says Joanna Kessel, who has just qualified

It was Friday the 13th. For those of us haunted by superstition, a worse day could not have been chosen. The Bar school finals results for 1992-93 were to be posted on the notice board in Gray's Inn. Years of hard work and a £10,000 debt were about to meet destiny.

Only those who had passed would be listed. But the surprised pleasure of finding my name among the successful on the notice-board list was taken away when the postman delivered my future at 9am on that day, oblivious to the significance of the envelope's contents.

I pulled out the piece of paper that revealed the good news: I had been graded "competent". Those who had done better were considered "very competent" or "outstanding".

I was unperturbed by my grading — I had passed and that was all that mattered. The profession steeped in history, tradition, wigs and the old school tie network had welcomed me to join its ranks. I yelped with relief. I was a barrister.

The Bar has come a long way over the past 30 years. In those days it was barely conceivable that somebody with my state-school background could walk into the arms of a profession which has been vehemently criticised for its nepotism and male dominance. And though the Bar Council can pat itself on the back for the healthy intake of women and people from ethnic minority groups over the past few years, statistics do not solve the underlying and deeply entrenched problems.

It seems that tradition remains impenetrable. Since time immemorial fledgeling barristers have ritually had to keep eight dining terms — at three dinners a term — at one of the four Inns of Court of which he or she must be a member, before being called to the Bar. That has meant eating 24 mediocre dinners in formal Hall, which enables students to meet their peers and their seniors, engage in stimulating conversation and learn to understand what the Bar is all about. For the significant number of people studying outside London, the extra expense of dining merely adds to their debt.

At my first few dinners I felt bored, awkward and extremely cynical. But as I began to meet people, the pomp and ceremony became less of a strain and I have to admit that finally I quite enjoyed the experience.

Two dozen dinners under the belt, I felt comfortable in my surroundings and accepting of the Bar. But I felt that 24 dinners was beyond my call of duty. Recently the Bar Council has reduced the number to 18.

> I admit that I finally enjoyed the Hall dinners

What if you eat all your dinners and then fail the Bar school finals? At about £7 a meal, that is a sum not to be sneered at, but in comparison with the huge debts accumulated by most law students, it is insignificant. Those who already have a law degree need find only about £10,000 to fund themselves through one year at Bar school, local authority awards being honoured more in the breach than the observance. This total includes fees and living expenses.

Those with any other degree need to double that figure in order first to complete the one-year law conversion course, the Common Professional Examination. As the recession throws more and more graduates into a quandary, many are flocking to the legal profession and making the £20,000 investment in the hope of securing a brighter future.

However, the results show that of 1,037 students taken on by the Council of Legal Education this year, only 867 passed the course; and, to judge from last year's statistics, of that number only about 60 per cent will secure full pupillage (the requisite 12-month apprenticeship, only half of which is funded), and a meagre 46 per cent can be expected to obtain tenancy (be taken on in a set of chambers) in a year's time.

PETER TREVNOR



Students visit a law fair in London for leads on employment, but the search may be a difficult one

So what needs to change? The Bar appears to be more and more accessible but the filtering process of pupillage and tenancy ensures that the vast majority of the survivors still come from the same old Oxford or Cambridge, male and European-origin, clan — unless they are tough and extremely persevering.

On a mixed dining night during my studies I made the acquaintance of Geoffrey Howe, the former Cabinet minister. In conversation with him, I explained the various changes I would like to see made at the Bar.

He asked how I proposed to achieve these aims. I had opened my mouth to answer when the head porter struck the floor three times with his staff. The benchers were ready to move into Hall to eat and my response fell on deaf ears.

My proposals were, however, that law students' fees should be funded right through the final years of qualification, as are medical students'. They should not be admitted to Bar school without first obtaining pupillage, which would avoid the demoralisation of either having qualified but not being able to practise or of ending up with an extremely red bank balance and nothing to show for it.

If these changes were made, perhaps many more state, red-brick university educated people would be able to carve a niche for themselves at the Bar and change the establishment image that still desperately needs a face-lift.

Trapped in a vicious circle

Many graduates who want to train as solicitors have been caught out by cutbacks and a changing market

Many law and non-law graduates are now applying for trainee solicitor contracts, which they hope to start in September 1995. The practice of recruiting trainees two years in advance has grown. But many graduates who have passed their law finals have yet to secure a training contract.

Some simply did not realise that they needed to apply so early; others, me included, were in a Catch-22 situation. The number of people applying for places at law school vastly outweighed the number of places available. When I applied for articles at the end of my second university year, I did not then have a secure place on the law finals course. This was highlighted during the interviews I had: none of the firms I saw would risk offering me a contract.

I was eventually offered a place at Chester in September 1990 in an evening class set up to reduce the long waiting list. My success coincided with the recession. For the first time in memory, law firms deferred training contracts or cancelled them altogether. Other firms scaled down their plans for recruiting trainees. I found myself competing against more applicants than ever for a vastly reduced number of vacancies.

During the past three years I have made at least 85 written applications and contacted about two-thirds of the firms in the *Chambers & Partners Directory*, without success.

My best hope lies in finding a firm seeking to employ a trainee but which has not yet advertised — done by phoning firms at random. Often I am an unwanted interruption. But though I may be the fifth such person they have dealt with that day, it may well be the thirtieth firm to which I have spoken. Usually, I am told to write. My letter, if acknowledged at all, invariably brings a negative response.

Firms that continue to recruit two years in advance are reluctant to risk hiring someone who has already completed their finals — there is too much uncertainty as to what might happen in the intervening two years. If, like me, the applicant left law school two years ago, they are even less likely to be awarded such a vacancy.

I have also been applying for non-law jobs. For most jobs, my law finals render me overqualified; many employers do not want to risk training me only to see me disappear should I manage to gain articles. Hence I am virtually unemployable.

A frustrating aspect has been the lack of help shown by the Law Society. The only practical help it provides is its vacancy bulletin, published every two months and carrying an average of eight vacancies country-wide.

My enrolment fee to the society entitled me to complementary copies of the *Law Society Gazette* — the only weekly publication that carries regular vacancies. But because of cutbacks, my copies were stopped in September, 1991. My only link to the profession was severed.

They do not seem to be taking initiatives to encourage firms to increase trainee recruitment. Forecasters predict that there will be a shortage of qualified solicitors by the year 2000, which will prevent firms taking advantage of the likely economic upturn; the society should be working to prevent this happening.

With an increased number of places becoming available on the new skills-based finals course, more and more people will risk taking the final stage of their academic training despite not having secured a training contract. Practical help and guidance is needed for them before too many careers are wasted.

At university my ambition was to become a commercial lawyer, perhaps specialising in product liability. Last year my ambition was simply to become a lawyer. Now I just want a job.

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report August 24 1993 — Chancery Division

Untreatability criterion for release

Regina v Cannons Park Mental Health Review Tribunal, Ex parte A

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment July 28]

It was unlawful for a psychopathic patient to continue to be detained, for medical treatment, as a consequence of a decision of a mental health review tribunal, when he or she was untreatable in that there was unlikely to be any alleviation or a prevention in deterioration of the condition.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application by A for judicial review, *inter alia*, to quash the decision of the Cannons Park Mental Health Review Tribunal of May 24, 1993 that the applicant continue to be detained in an interim secure unit at Horton Hospital, Surrey.

Section 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 provides: "(2) An application for admission for treatment may be made in respect of a patient on the grounds that — (a) he is suffering from ... psychopathic disorder... and... is of a nature or degree which makes it appropriate for him to receive medical treatment in a hospital; and (b) in the case of psychopathic disorder... such treatment is likely to alleviate or prevent a deterioration in his condition..."

Section 72 provides: "(1) Where application is made to a mental health review tribunal by or in respect of a patient who is liable to be detained under this Act, the tribunal may in any case direct that the patient be discharged ... (b) the tribunal shall direct the discharge of a patient liable to be detained... if they are satisfied — (i) that he is not then suffering from ... psychopathic disorder ... of a nature or degree which makes it appropriate for him to be liable to be detained in a hospital for medical treatment; or (ii) that it is not necessary for the health or safety of the patient or for the protection of other persons that he should receive such treatment..."

Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant: Mr Ian Ashford-Thom for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant had been detained under section 3 on the statutory ground of mental illness. Section 20 governed her continued detention and dealt with the duration and renewal of the authority to detain her upon the same criteria as for admission.

The applicant applied to the review tribunal to be discharged under section 72 following an unsuccessful application under section 23 to the hospital managers. Shortly before the hearing, her diagnosis was changed, under the re-classification provisions of section 16, to one of psychopathic disorder.

The tribunal found that the only appropriate medical treatment which might have alleviated the applicant's disorder was psychotherapy in a group setting. The applicant was however unwilling to co-operate.

While it was unlikely that treatment in hospital would either have alleviated or prevented deterioration of the applicant's psychopathic disorder, the tribunal was of the view that the applicant's deterioration might have given way to subsequent alleviation and a willingness to co-operate with the appropriate therapy.

His Lordship agreed that that was consistent with the submission of Mr Gordon that the review tribunal hoped that keeping the applicant in hospital would persuade her to agree to group therapy.

Such an aim was not, however, a lawful ground of detention: see *R v Hallstrom, Ex parte W* ([1986] QB 1090, 1104).

The applicant submitted, *inter alia*, that in relation to psychopathic disorder, central to sections 3, 20 and 16 was the fact that they contained a treatability test, namely the requirement that medical treatment in hospital was likely to alleviate or to prevent a deterioration in the patient's condition. The manifest policy of the Act was that the detention of psychopaths was lawful only where they were treatable.

While that argument was accepted by the respondent in relation to sections 3, 20 and 16, it was submitted that the difference in wording in section 72(1)(b)(i) meant that a different test applied in relation to a review tribunal. The words "appropriate for him to be liable to be detained" in the subsection did not and could not import the entire ingredients of the earlier sections.

In his Lordship's judgment the phrase, while clumsy, directly picked up on the language of sections 3 and 20 which included in their criteria for liability for detention the appropriateness of medical treatment as well as the likelihood of its being effective.

The tribunal was not a possible further hearing at which a fresh decision to detain could be made. It could only direct discharge as of right, direct discharge in the exercise of its discretion, or decline to do either.

It was appropriate to consider the statute in its wider context because it had ramifications of real public concern.

The court was very much aware of the public concern over recent cases in which mentally disordered individuals had been set at large and had killed or maimed others.

Those appeared to have been sufferers of mental illness, not psychopaths, who were treatable but had failed to keep up their treatment once in the community.

If the law was clear and unequivocal, as his Lordship considered it was, in entitling psychopathic but untreatable persons to discharge from compulsory detention, the rule of law bound the court to say so and equally required the tribunal to give effect to it; however deep and understandable their reservations about doing so.

To deprive citizens of their freedom when they had committed no crime was a drastic step requiring justification which was, in the case of psychopaths, the likelihood of treatment.

In the case of the rest, liberty was only to be forfeited on the commission of a criminal offence and even then, the Act prevented the making of a hospital order if the treatability test was not satisfied.

The moral dilemma highlighted in the present case had been very much present in the minds of legislators in formulating the regime which it was the court's duty to interpret and give effect to.

The respondent's submission that the wording of section 72(1) gave the tribunal a wider remit necessarily failed as the tribunal would thereby become a primary decision-making body judging a patient's liability to be detained on criteria different from and wider than those found anywhere else in the Act.

Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Steel & Shamash: Treasury Solicitor.

Foreign contract justiciable

Gulf Bank KSC v Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd

Before Mr Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment July 22]

A contract between foreign companies subject to foreign law but with an indemnity clause made subject to English law, and declared void under the governing law of the contract, nevertheless was a matter concerning a contract and therefore remained within the purview of Order 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Justice Hobhouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division when giving reasons for refusing on July 12 the application of the defendants, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd, for a declaration that an indemnity clause in the contract between themselves and Gulf Bank KSC, the plaintiffs, did not come within the jurisdiction of the English courts.

Mr Mark Barnes, QC and Mr Kenneth Maclean for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Aikens, QC and Mr Steven Berry for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that the contract was for the defendants to supply a plant to the Kuwait Ministry of Electricity and Water. An advance payment guarantee was issued by the plaintiff bank to the ministry and a letter of counter-indemnity was given by the defendants to the plaintiffs in consideration of the plaintiffs issuing the guarantee. The supply contract was governed by the law of Kuwait.

But by a governing law and jurisdiction clause the indemnity was to be governed by English law and the parties agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the High Court in England.

The advance payment guarantee was issued to the ministry on March 22, 1989 at the request of the defendants.

In August 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait. In January 1991 the government of Kuwait, presumably in exile, adopted a resolution by which public works contracts with the government were declared void and automatically terminated with retrospective effect from August 2, 1990.

A letter from the defendants to the plaintiffs on April 28, 1992, if the counter-indemnity had not ceased to be valid and effective, represented a clear repudiation by the defendants of their liabilities.

The sums involved, together with other similar guarantees, amounted to the equivalent of £172 million. The defendants said there could be no subsisting liability under the counter-indemnity. The plaintiffs claimed a declaration that it was still capable of giving rise to a liability to indemnify them.

The defendants submitted that a claim for the declaration sought did not come within the terms of Order 11, rule 1(1)(d) because such a claim was not a claim "brought to enforce, rescind, dissolve or annul or otherwise affect a contract".

The words in sub-paragraph (d) were clearly intended, together with the references to breaches of contract, to make a comprehensive reference to contractual claims. The language disclosed no intention to exclude any category of contractual claim nor did the policy of Order 11 itself.

The restrictive part of sub-paragraph (d) was that which followed and laid down criteria which the relevant contract had to satisfy. Provided that the relevant contract satisfied one or more of those criteria then there was no reason in policy why any legal claim in respect of that contract should not fall within the ambit of Order 11.

The claim made was a claim which was properly characterised as a claim to enforce a contract. To obtain a declaration of a court that a contract was enforceable was a necessary first step in any enforcement by legal process and that it was enforceable and the defendant was liable might often be sufficient to enable the plaintiff to effect recovery under the contract without the need for further legal proceedings.

Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood; Baker & McKenzie.

Loss through undue influence

Cheese v Thomas

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment July 30]

In setting aside a transaction for undue influence the basic objective of the court was to restore the parties to their original positions, as nearly as might be.

Achievement of a practically just outcome in that regard required the court to look at all the circumstances, while keeping the basic objective firmly in mind. That necessarily involved the exercise of a measure of discretion in determining the requirements of justice in the particular case.

Where, therefore, an unduly influenced party obtained rescission of a contract under which he had contributed to the purchase price of a house on terms that he should occupy it for life, the property passing on his death unencumbered to the other contributor, and the market value of the property had fallen between purchase and rescission, the resulting loss should be borne by both parties proportionately to their contributions. The rescinding party was, consequently, unable to recover the whole of his contribution.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Charles William Cheese, from an order made on February 16, 1993 by Judge Michael Oppenheimer, sitting in Uxbridge County Court, whereby, in setting aside for undue influence an agreement between the plaintiff and his great-nephew, Mr Aubrey Thomas, the defendant, he held that the loss brought about by the fall in the market value of the house, the subject of the agreement, should be shared between plaintiff and defendant in the same proportions as their contributions to the price.

The court also dismissed the defendant's cross-appeal against the judge's finding that the transaction was manifestly disadvantageous to the plaintiff.

Mr Kenneth Hamer for the plaintiff; Mr Jonathan Ferris for the defendant.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the house had been bought in June 1990 at a cost of £83,000 and sold in 1993 at a net price of about £55,400, a loss of over £27,500.

In May 1990 the plaintiff had paid £43,000 to the defendant and the house had been bought in the defendant's sole name. To cover the rest of the price, the defendant had borrowed £40,000 from the Halifax Building Society on the security of a mortgage over the house.

In June 1990 the plaintiff had moved in to live there. Over the following three or four months the defendant had failed to pay the mortgage instalments. The plaintiff had found out about that and had felt his security threatened. He had decided that he wanted to withdraw and had sought repayment of his £43,000.

Before the judge the plaintiff had claimed that he and the defendant had agreed that the house should be jointly owned. The judge had accepted the defendant's case that the plaintiff had known and agreed that the house would be in the defendant's name.

The plaintiff had agreed that on his death the house would belong to the defendant. In return the plaintiff was to be entitled to live in the house for the rest of his life.

However, the judge had accepted the plaintiff's alternative case, that the transaction should be set aside on the ground of undue influence.

Setting aside the transaction

If the transaction was to be set aside, the next step was the restoration of the parties to their original positions. Achieving that would mean sale of the house and repayment of what each had paid over. Unhappily, although £83,000 had been spent on the house, only £55,400 had come from the sale.

The question therefore arose: on whom should that loss fall? The plaintiff contended that he was entitled to look to the defendant personally to make good the whole of the shortfall.

The judge had not accepted that, holding that the loss brought about by the fall in the market value of the house should be shared between the two of them in the same proportions (43:40) as they had contributed to the price.

Restoring parties to their original positions

If the transaction was analysed simply as a payment of £43,000 by the plaintiff to the defendant in return for the right to live in the defendant's house there was a strong case for ordering repayment of £43,000, the benefit received by the defendant, regardless of the subsequent fall in the value of the house.

In the ordinary way, if a plaintiff was able to return to the defendant the property received from him under the impugned transaction, it mattered not that the property had meanwhile fallen in value.

In his Lordship's view the case stood differently. The plaintiff had paid the defendant £43,000, not outright, but as part of the purchase price of a house in which both would have rights: the plaintiff was to have sole use of the house for his life and then the house would be the defendant's. The defendant was not to be free to dispose of the house, or use it, until then.

In other words, the transaction had been one in which each would contribute a sum of money to buying a house in which each was to have an interest. That was the transaction which had to be reversed.

It was well established that a court of equity would set aside a transaction even when it could not restore the parties precisely to the state they had been in before the contract. Relief would be granted whenever, by directing accounts and making allowances, it could do what was practically just: see *Erlanger v New Sombrero Phosphate Co* ((1878) 3 App Cas 1218, 1278-1279) *per* Lord Blackburn.

In the instant case justice required that each party should be returned as near to his original position as was possible. Each should get back a proportionate share of the net proceeds of the house, before deducting the amount paid to the building society. That had been the judge's view and his Lordship agreed with the judge.

Restitution for both parties

The court had been much pressed with an argument that there was no decided case in which a court had ever directed a sharing of loss in that way. It was said that that was a principle unknown to English law and that the court had no discretion in the matter.

His Lordship had two observations on that argument:

First, when considering what had been the original position of the parties it was important to identify, and properly characterise, the transaction being set aside. The transaction concerned involved both parties making a financial contribution to the acquisition of a new asset from which both were intended to benefit.

It was axiomatic that, when reversing that transaction, the court was concerned to achieve practical justice for both parties, not the plaintiff alone. The plaintiff was seeking the assistance of a court of equity and he who sought equity must do equity.

Second, the basic objective of the court was to restore the parties to their original positions, as nearly as might be, consequent upon cancelling a transaction which the law would not permit to stand.

Achieving a practically just outcome required the court to look at all the circumstances, while keeping the basic objective firmly in mind. In carrying out that exercise the court was, of necessity, exercising a measure of discretion in the sense that it was determining what were the requirements of justice in the particular case.

It was important not to lose sight of the foundation of the jurisdiction being invoked. As Lord Scarman had observed in *National Westminster Bank plc v Morgan* ([1985] AC 686, 709), a court in the exercise of that jurisdiction was a court of conscience.

As with the jurisdiction to grant relief, so with the precise form of the relief to be granted, equity as a court of conscience would look at all the circumstances and do what fairness required.

If the defendant had improved the property he was ordered to return, the plaintiff might be required to compensate him. On the other hand, if the plaintiff had improved the property he sought to return, he would not necessarily be entitled to a further payment from the defendant. It might not be just to require from the defendant improvements he did not want.

What was true of profits had also to be true of losses. In the ordinary way, where a sum of money was paid to a defendant under a transaction which was set aside, the defendant would be required to repay the whole sum.

There might be exceptional cases where that would be unjust. That might the more readily be so where the personal conduct of the defendant was not open to criticism. The judge had acquitted the defendant of acting in a morally reprehensible way towards the plaintiff, describing the defendant as an innocent fiduciary.

In all the circumstances, to require the defendant to shoulder the whole of the loss flowing from the problems which had beset the residential property market for the preceding year or two would be harsh. That was not an outcome a court of conscience should countenance.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: K. E. Davis & Sons, Hayes: Mackenzie Knight, Southall.

Amenity relevant

Thomas and Another v Countryside Council for Wales

When assessing whether a farmer's actions were reasonable and so amounted to proper mitigation of his loss resulting from restrictions imposed, by a public environmental protection agency, on his use of his land, pursuit of profitability was not the sole criterion; matters such as maintenance of amenity and aesthetic choice could also be legitimate considerations to be taken into account.

Mr Justice Rougier so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 23 when giving judgment in favour of Mr and Mrs David Joseph Parry Thomas in their appeal against the arbitration award made pursuant to section 50(3) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that whether the appellants' decision to adopt the farming system they did was a reasonable one was not answered solely in terms of the commercial optimum.

Obviously profitability was a factor but in an occupation such as farming any test of reasonableness should take some account of other circumstances including individual personal factors of amenity, even of aesthetic preference. What was reasonable was entirely a question of fact for the arbitrator.

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Debra Beaumont as a struggling drama student in wartime Paris in Elvira '40

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Hakan Hardenberger, giving Zimmermann's Trumpet Concerto at the Proms on Wednesday



EDINBURGH: the low-budget Film Festival; plus international music stars and Steven Berkoff solo



Matt Dillon as New York electrician Gus, and Annabella Sciorra as his ex-wife Lee, in Anthony Minghella's *Mr Wonderful*, the first American film by the British playwright

Think small, think beautiful

Geoff Brown finds independent films made on a shoestring can offer rewards out of all proportion to their tiny budgets

Since the Edinburgh International Film Festival operates on a shoestring, it is only fitting that films made under similar restrictions should form the liveliest part of the programme. Forget about *Jurassic Park*, or the bulk of mainstream art cinema. You must adjust your eyes to Michael Almereyda's **Another Girl, Another Planet**, made with a children's camcorder, or Derek Jarman's remarkable **Blue**, where the image of a blue screen is held unchanged for 76 minutes. Though the number of screenings remains small, and the absence of provocative retrospectives is sorely felt, the festival can still hold its own in Britain as a showcase for independent film-making.

Almereyda's 56-minute novelty was shown during the weekend's "Just Do It" event, dedicated to American films of the most frugal means. The subject-matter was standard independent fare: guys and gals in small apartments, chattering about love, exposing neuroses, combing their hair with a fork. But the simple technology helped greatly in generating intimacy, and cast its own mysterious spell. Was that a close-up of a fish in its tank, or one of the women's cheeks?

Blue, which opens in London on Friday at the Camden Parkway, was an experience of a much higher order. There is nothing in cinema history to match this: a film at once so abstract, yet so intensely and painfully personal. One of the effects of the Aids virus on Jarman is the gradual loss of his sight; by relinquishing the film-maker's usual panoply of images he is preparing himself for blindness, and beyond that, death.

In the words of Jarman's complex commentary, largely spoken by John Quentin, Nigel Terry and Tilda Swinton, "Blue is darkness made visible." Blue is also the colour of delphiniums, speedwell, summer skies, even jeans: Jarman's words conjure the full range, while allowing us to project our own imaginings onto the bright azure screen. Criss-crossing the soundtrack come Jarman's diary entries during hospital treatment, his recollections of lost friends, and a myriad of sounds (Buddhist prayer bells, fairground tootles, sea-coast murmurs) subtly blended by his regular composer Simon Fisher Turner.

In this film the audience is no passive observer. Rapt concentration sucks us into the text, the sounds and the implacable blue screen; we become active participants in Jarman's meditation on his life, art and death. The sum effect is challenging, exhilarating and, above all, humbling.

Jarman's presence hovers over another festival film, Alexis Bisticas's **The Clearing**, a haunting seven minutes' worth from a Royal College of Art student seriously ill with Aids himself. We are in a wood with a male stroller and a travelling camera; the sound of a saxophone lures him to a clearing, where Jarman himself briefly appears. Put into words, it may sound dull; seen on the screen, it vibrates with cryptic poetry.

The Clearing aside, the British student films competing for the Young Film Maker of the Year award look lacklustre. From a brief sampling, none can compare with the urgency and beauty of Dan Geva's **Jerusalem. Rhythms of a Distant City**, masterfully shot with a hand-held camera, or the eccentricity of Don McKellar's Canadian entry, also called **Blue**, in which another director, David Cronenberg, sings and buys dirty magazines.

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'As a showcase for independent film-making, the festival still holds its own in Britain'

Other strange sights appear in **Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life**, a 24-minute jest from Scotland's Peter Capaldi, writer and co-star of *Soft Top, Hard Shoulder*. As Christmas looms, Mr K. (Richard E. Grant) sits in his garret, struggling through interruptions to write the opening sentence of *Metamorphosis*. The film's finale, a musical number, is a serious mistake; until then, this conflation of Kafka's bleak spirit and Capra's sentiment is a dotty delight.

In the feature sphere, one British film has caused disproportionate excitement. **Safe**, made for the BBC by television and theatre director Antonia Bird, takes a hard, documentary-style look at an urgent problem: homeless youth in London. The cast, headed by Kate Hardie, is excellent, and you cannot fault the good intentions. But for me the film, written by Al Ashton, slips into the mistake of believing that nothing looks real unless everyone kicks up a frightful ruckus.

Noise and violence dominate another British entry, Danny Cannon's feature debut **The Young Americans**, though reality is the last thing on this director's mind. He hungers for the Hollywood dream machine, and piles on the visual razzmatazz while plodding through an updated equivalent of those post-war British *spiv* thrillers. He has an American star, too, though after watching Harvey Keitel in *Bad Lieutenant* we have an uphill struggle accepting him as a pillar of Los Angeles's Drug Enforcement Agency. This is one film Edinburgh could have done without.

Maybe if the 25-year-old Cannon makes the jump across the Atlantic, his talents will settle down. The switch certainly did not harm Anthony Minghella, who has followed his Hampstead ghost story *Truly, Madly, Deeply* with a charming romantic comedy set in New York, **Mr Wonderful**. To stop his resources being drained by maintenance payments, Matt Dillon, an electrical worker, tries to find a new man for his ex-wife, Annabella Sciorra. Compared to *Truly, Madly*, this may well be Hollywood candyfloss, but Minghella adds his own flavouring, gets close to his characters, and makes every predictable plot twist matter. The film plays at the festival this coming weekend.

This past weekend, though, belonged decisively to the low-budget Americans, striking out with minimal resources and maximum cheek. Rob Weiss's **Amongst Friends**, shot in six weeks for $70,000, did not properly belong with its neighbours, though this tale of Long Island rich kids striving to be low-down thugs impressed audiences with its aggressively energetic style.

My own sympathies lay more with the truly threadbare movies, such as Robert Rodriguez's *El Mariachi* (reviewed here last week): their directors seemed more concerned with learning a craft and telling their stories than landing a Hollywood contract. Even **My Life's in Turnaround** had its goofy charms, though Eric Schaeffer and Donal Lardner Ward, the directors, writers and stars, certainly devised this semi-autobiographical comedy as a means of attracting attention.

They play two New York dunderheads on the brink of 30, with a failed career in avant-garde theatre. Schaeffer drives a cab; Ward tends bar. Inspired by the new crop of independent film-makers, they decide to make a movie. Fortune shines, and they blunder forward, ending up with the film we have all been watching. *My Life's in Turnaround* is too cute and silly for its own good, but as you watch you can see fresh talent sprouting up before your eyes. No festivalgoer should ask for less.

● *The Edinburgh International Film Festival continues until August 29. Details from Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 2688).*

Voices from all directions

Slightly baffled, **Hilary Finch** reports mixed fortunes for some top names in the recital programme

The tenuous double thread of Schubert and Janáček which runs through this year's Edinburgh Festival at last rose to the surface of its fabric at the weekend in a revelatory recital by **Robert Holl** and **András Schiff**. In a smaller festival like Schiff's own at Mondsee in Austria (where, apparently the idea originated) the juxtaposition doubtless has a cumulative resonance: in Edinburgh, as Richard Morrison found last week, it can seem little more than a baffling twinning of names.

On Friday last, though, at the Queen's Hall, things became a little clearer. First, the high verbal intelligence of Holl's singing of a group of Schubert's Mayrhofer settings threw the wordless eloquence of Schiff's two Janáček piano solos into bold relief. Second, the listener was struck by the fascination of both composers, each in his own distinctive way, with registering and transmuting the pulses and inflexions of the natural world into a transcendent musical language.

Holl had taken upon himself two of Schubert's more harrowing character pieces, "Das blinde Knabe" and "Der Zwerg". The painfully macabre latter gave a foretaste of the depth of anguish that he would find in Schubert's *Winterreise* two days' later.

This was one of the longest, darkest performances of this work I had witnessed, even from Holl himself. The characteristic lowered eyes and lowering brow, the intense concentration on the placing and shaping of each verbal and musical phrase, their contours sensed with a small, barely conscious hand gesture, all contributed to a vision of ever deepening resignation, shot through with moments of almost unbearable pain.

The bitter sneer kicking out the consonants of "Die Post", the vehemence of the challenge thrown out to the circling crow: these were just examples of musical moments seized and made potent in this constantly compelling performance accompanied perceptively by **Oleg Maisenberg**.

The power of communication to each rapt member of the audience was direct and palpable. Not so, alas, and puzzlingly was **Thomas Hampson**'s recital on Saturday. Perhaps the change of venue to the Usher Hall and the presence of EMI's microphones, recording the complete recital, were factors in Hampson's strangely distant performance.

There was much to enjoy: Hampson's own meticulously cultivated baritone, and typically zealous programme preparation ensured that. The centre of the evening was particularly rewarding, with the discovery of some vigorous settings of Robert Burns by an undeservedly little known contemporary of Schumann called Robert Franz, melodically and harmonically rich. Grieg's six German Lieder too, drew style and enthusiasm from Hampson and eloquent playing from his accompanist, **Geoffrey Parsons**.

But the outer pillars of the recital, Beethoven's *An die ferne geliebte* and Schumann's *Dichterliebe*, were weak. Hampson seemed rather more aware of himself than of the music.

If Hampson seemed at times disengaged then his compatriot, American soprano **Sylvia McNair**, was all too eager to please in her Saturday morning recital which completed this weekend's festival of song at Edinburgh. Charm threatened to be all in three songs by Henry Purcell and four Italian ditties by Schubert. The Purcell in particular deserved more rigorous attention to detail than was afforded it in its role as warming-up exercise.

Four *Mörike-Lieder* of Hugo Wolf and Debussy's *Ariettes oubliées* revealed greater interpretative depths, in part thanks to the discerning accompaniment of **Roger Vignoles**. McNair came into her own in the groups of songs by Bernstein (*I hate music* and *La Bonne Cuisine*) with which she signed off a superficially entertaining programme.





Martin Hoyle enjoys a Dickensian grotesque, a luvvy, a thug and his dog

Perfectly horrid, beastly display

What makes a bogey man? Why does this leering, bobbing and writhing figure in a torn tail-suit, tongue flapping in obscene confidentiality, recall the nightmare terrors of childhood?

Steven Berkoff opens a three-movement solo show at the Assembly Rooms, *One Man*, with his version of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart*, and reminds us that one of the most potent elements of fear is the unexpected, the incongruous. Henpecked Dr Crippen and pint-sized housebreaker Charles Peace were long conjured up as frighteners for naughty children, inspiring a dread disproportionate to their meagre tally of murders.

They acquired mythic evil status, a more sinister aura than subsequent mass killers who look like explicable social aberrations in comparison. The respectable and especially the ludicrous (as well to remember in the city that created Jekyll and Hyde, and where a brilliant university lecturer connived at bodysnatching and murder) make the most shocking villains. If Dickens had made Uriah Heep a murderer, a monster would have resulted.

Berkoff's ability to turn himself into living caricature (he opens everything — eyes, mouth, legs — in a rather un-English way) actually recalls the Phiz illustrations to Dickens. He has a prancing, manic quality that evokes not merely Poe but Gogol. At first almost every word is wrenched out of his body with a visible effort. He recounts a first-person tale of obsession, murder and madness in variations on a creaky rasp, even throwing in the odd detached comment in prosaic modern tones. The result is a pyrotechnic display that defies labelling — baroque, Gothic, surreal? Art leaves nature standing. The actor ignores the sweat that drops from him like hailstones but mops his brow perversely on a dry patch, according to his own clockwork-precise production.

The other two pieces are slighter in substance. One is a breathless kaleidoscope of showbiz struggles. Running on the spot, the aspirant actor beamingly greets friends, exchanges shop-talk with colleagues (envy, mock sympathy, *schadenfreude*), squabbles with his parents, seduces and breaks up with women. Quite amusing but nothing new, it recalls a more wide-ranging exploration of luvvies by Jack Klaff, *Wonderful Darling*, at the Edinburgh Festival some years ago.

The last work finds Berkoff in good grotesque form, that blaring brutal mouth gashed like the Greek mask of comedy. Or tragedy; or both. In Union Jack T-shirt, a beer-swilling yob takes us back to the East End of Berkoff's early works, but this lampooned Millwall supporter is devoid of dignity or even menace as he remembers the violence and vomit.

What lifts the performance above cliché is Berkoff's occasional switch to portraying our hero's flesh-tearing dog, Roy. The comparison between savage hound and snarling master recalls the end of *Animal Farm*. You look from man to beast and from beast to man: and the differences disappear.

His one-man show gives free rein to

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A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's Tag Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from farm life to marriage and politics. **Assembly Hall,** The Mound. *Sunset Song:* Tonight, 7pm. Tomorrow, 2pm. Fri, 7.30pm; *Cloud Howe* Wed, 7.30pm; *Grey Granite:* Thurs, 7.30pm. All three parts performed on Sat, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office:

SARKADIE FREUNDE VON SALAMANKA: This concert continues the festival's double focus on the unlikely pair of Janáček and Schubert, the former represented here by his first opera, the latter by one of his many (musically rewarding) dramatic failures. For these concert performances, David Robertson conducts the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Chorus of Scottish Opera, and several soloists. **Usher Hall,** Clerk Street, Tonight 7pm Ⓢ. Festival Box Office as before.

JOHN WALLACE: Top classical trumpeter John Wallace joins forces with Simon Wright on St Giles' magnificent new Rieger organ, to perform music from the Baroque period to the modern day. Familiar tunes by Handel, Purcell and Clarke included. **St Giles' Cathedral,** Tonight, 10.30pm. Festival box office as before

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

STEPHEN OSBORNE: The Scottish pianist returns to the Festival for the second year to play Schubert's *Four Impressions*, Beethoven's Sonata in A Flat and Chopin's *24 Preludes*. **Queen's Hall,** Clerk Street. Today, 11am Festival box office as before.

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KABARETT VALENTIN The Umbrella Theatre's production directed by Colin Granger recreates the world of the two most popular banned Nazi entertainers, Karl Valentin and Liesl Karlstadt. With shades of Lewis Carol and Ionesco. **Venue 20,** 34 Hamilton Place, (031-226 5425). Tonight-Aug 29, 5pm.

KILLING HIM: The Cambridge Night's Theatre Company presents a new view of the political life and times of "the Right Honourable Norman Lamont, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer". **The Pleasance,** 60 The Pleasance, (031-556 6550). Today-Sept 4, 4 30pm.

THE GARY GLITTER STORY: The play co-written by Steve Furst and Mike Leigh traces the colourful rollercoaster life of the Leader. **The Music Box,** Venue 50, 9c Victoria Street. (031- Today-Sept 4, 4.30 pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: For the opening of tonight's **Proms** Mariss Jansons conducts the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra in the British premiere of Ragnar Söderlind's *Trauermusik*. Reflecting the influence of Finnish music, the piece is a cry of protest against war and aggression, composed in 1968, shortly after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. After this, Yuri Bashmet returns to the Proms in Bartók's Viola Concerto. The programme also includes *The Firebird* by Stravinsky and Dvořák's Symphony No 8 in G major. **Albert Hall,** Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON. Starving Artists Theatre Company returns for a four-week run after a week at the Traverse with their challenging new piece, **Sleeping with You.** Using monologue and performance poetry, it attempts to present a new perspective on notions of family, tribe and love. **Battersea Arts Centre,** Lavender Hill, Battersea SW11 (071-223 6557). Opens tonight, 8.30pm, then Tues-Sat, 8.30pm, Suns, 6.30pm. Until Sept 19.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
Ⓢ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart. **Barbican,** Silk Street. EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7 15pm. 195mins. Ⓢ Ⓢ

☐ **THE CHANGELING** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil **The Pit,** Barbican, Silk Street. EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight. 7.15pm 180mins. Ⓢ

☐ **THE CENCI** Shelley's only stage play, on patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th Cent. Italy, revived on Damned Poets Theatre Co for the bicentenery of his birth. **Lyric Studio,** King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) Ⓢ. Mon to Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

Ⓢ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in *L.A.* and the world of the private eye movie. **Prince of Wales,** Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) . Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 2 30pm. 160mins

Ⓢ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. **Prince Edward,** Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs. Sat, 3pm 150mins. Ⓢ

■ **GODSPELL:** Candy-flavoured Christianity *The* 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven **Barbican Hall,** Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tue to Sun 7.30pm (not Sun Aug 22) plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Till August 30. Ⓢ

☐ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Marwyn Peake. **Lyric,** King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Ⓢ. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28). 2.30pm.

Ⓢ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer. **Queen's,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) . Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE OPEN COUPLE:** The renamed Offstage Downstairs opens with a revival of the Dario Fo/Franca Rame comedy: a husband is alarmed when his wife takes literally his demand for greater freedom. **Camden Studio Theatre,** 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-916 4040) Mon to Sat 8pm. Till September 11.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge lap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan **Albery,** St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

☐ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Galumphing version of this politically incorrect, so-called comedy. **Open Air,** Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431) Ⓢ. Tonight, 8pm 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . Ⓢ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) Ⓢ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . Ⓢ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . Ⓢ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . Ⓢ **Miss Saigon,** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . Ⓢ **Starlight Express,** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast. Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561).

IN COLD BLOOD (18): Handsome but ponderous 1967 version of Capote's book about crime and punishment. With Robert Blake, Scott Wilson Director, Richard Brooks.

ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15). Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance: director, John McNaughton. **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): The tale of a Milanese bank clerk who, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico. This is Gabreile Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to the similarly useless *Mediterraneo*, and features Diego Abatantuono and Valeria Golino. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805).

◆ **THE SNAPPER** (15). Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366).

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake. see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege. **Metro** (071-437 0757).

NEW RELEASES

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12): Yet another wearisome spoof of the *Rambo* school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges and Valeria Golino. Directed by Jim Abrahams. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18): A film about the lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. This is a dynamic first feature from the writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone* **Gate Notting Hill** (071-727 4043).

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez. **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

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French grace under pressure

Elvira '40
Minerva, Chichester

IN THE spring of 1940, while the German army bides its time beyond Siegfried Line, the citizens of Paris — and what else should they have done? — get on with the business of ordinary living. At the Conservatoire the distinguished actor/director Louis Jouvet is coaxing second-year drama students to refine their skills, and in the background his secretary records in shorthand every word the great man utters. France falls, is liberated; Jouvet dies, and in 1965 the records of these lessons are published in two volumes.

Twenty years later Brigitte Jaques, founder and director of the Compagnie Pandora, conceives the notion of performing some of these lessons on the stage, not as a play, for they lack the necessary form to become that, but as a nod to the memory of an eloquent man of the theatre, and to the mysterious art of acting. David Edney translates, Patrick Garland directs, Keith Baxter plays Jouvet and Debra Beaumont the drama student, Claudia, who is having such difficulty performing Molière's Dona Elvira to his satisfaction. To Jouvet's satisfaction, that is. Molière would surely not have detected in Elivra's last speech to Don Juan the wealth of character-detail that Jouvet contrives to find there.

When we first encounter them, in February, she is not giving the speech the feeling he insists it contains, and we can agree with him. Her performance is callow, the arm and leg movements are unnatural, her voice gives no inkling that she has been told by Heaven to warn her seducer he stands in danger of hellfire. March, May, June: the lessons continue. Very little is spoken in this production, so the programme tells us, that was not heard at the Conservatoire 53 years ago. Garland adds the drone of an aeroplane, an announcement in German, a military band proudly marching past: but nobody on stage reacts to these sounds from the wider world. At the close of one scene Jouvet glances at a newspaper and momentarily loses the thread of his discourse. Presumably another province has surrendered but he makes no comment.

Meanwhile Claudia goes on tackling her 50-line speech. "Better," says her master. She has made more effort and the feeling has increased. But it is not enough. Every repetition brings the same complaint that she does not let the character speak through her, followed by protests that she is trying. If we could have seen a drama student transforming herself under such guidance this 80-minute piece might have brought genuine exhilaration, but I could detect no significant change in what Beaumont permits Claudia to show. She never makes the word "forgiven" sound right.

So the interest of the piece lies in what Jouvet has to say, perhaps? Well, yes, up to a point, but at the same time, not much. He seems content that Elvira should look and sound like one of Anouilh's bloodless young heroines, and his advice on how to locate the vital feelings is nebulous when not actually wrong. The programme tells us that his own portrayals were sometimes criticised as cold, which makes the purpose of Brigitte Jaques's extractions even harder to determine.

Baxter is very good as the dedicated, generally courteous, always passionate lover of his art. What he does with his cigarette or coffee cup is exemplary, disclosing silently more about the character he plays than all those shorthand notes convey about the wronged, loquacious Elvira.



Keith Baxter (Jouvet): rehearsing Molière as the Nazis threaten Paris

DANCE: A glimpse of flamenco's origins

Tapping into history

Al Andalus
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WITH his show, *Al Andalus*, Antonio Vargas has devised an interesting way of presenting flamenco which differs from the usual formats of recital or psycho-drama. He delves into the ancestry of flamenco, juxtaposing its music and dance with its Moorish counterparts and pointing up the family resemblances. He could have added Kathak: the courtly dance and music of India (where gypsies originated) that gave flamenco its intricate stamping and clapping rhythms. But that would complicate the neat analogy Vargas draws, in which he parallels the merging of his two chosen cultures with the story of a Spanish gypsy meeting and marrying, against initial opposition, a Moorish girl.

Gypsies and Arabs came together on the QEH stage just as they did in Andalusia all those centuries ago. Each team of singers, musicians and dancers stood at opposite sides, and then gradually combined in a message of fraternal peace. If the Spanish tended to dominate it was because they had two singers and two dancers, and therefore more solos.

They also had Vargas, as compelling in the role of the gypsy as he was playing the father in the recent hit film *Strictly Ballroom*. Tiny hips encased in tight black trousers, middle-age flab still at bay, he is small in stature but has a concentrated core of power. In his Farruca solo he ended silky, sinuous phrases with sharp poses like snakebites and inserted passages of explosive stamping, richly resonant and fluent. Belen Fernandez, enthusiastically applauded as the spurned gypsy woman, is young, beautiful and skilled, her foot-beats culminating in a display of tiny, multitudinous tappings, like a confectioner's hundreds-and-thousands. Yet she lacked personality, seeming a pastel-coloured presence to Vargas's inky intensity.

The noise and swell of flamenco creates an irrepressible visceral excitement; but the Arab contribution, looser and more subtle, still managed to hold its own. Waffa, an Egyptian-style dancer of unspecified nationality, performed a sensual, lingering duet with Vargas, then went into a fast and wonderfully ebullient solo. The feet matched the pulse of the music, the torso its melody, with the arms tracing curlicues; and at the intersection were the undulating hips, with their resonances of fertility and generosity.

A splendid set of musicians accompanied her, led by Hossam Ramzy on the tabla drum and including Foad Abdelal, who played two entrancing violin solos. Moustafa Shaheen sang the Moorish songs with a manner of recounting and using his hands for emphasis that closely resembled the two flamenco singers, Eva Duran (who also dances) and a man, Juanares.

Al Andalus had two performances only, but Vargas plans to bring another piece to London next year.

NADINE MEISNER

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BJORK is the face of the moment. The degree to which her look has impressed itself upon the nation could be judged by the number of Björk look-alikes in this mixed audience.

Björk's current mission, however, is not to inspire clones but to translate her excellent album, *Debut*, into a stage show. She and her seven-piece band might have gripped the attention of this noisy venue with more firmness if they had started with a bigger, or smaller bang. As it was, they crept on stage, almost, and then worked cautiously towards the more difficult material. At the point when Björk made a brief exit to be replaced by an Indian vocalist playing a synthesizer drone accompaniment, the audience seemed to realise that this was not strictly rock 'n' roll.

Aside from her appeal as a role model, Björk has captured the imagination by pulling together many of the most compelling strands of current music-making. She ranged across reggae, torch singing, jazz, Indian music, house music and Indie rock without losing the songs in fragmentation. At one point, the Indian singer played violin in duet with a flute; at another, the bassist played tenor saxophone in a horn arrangement reminiscent of early music.

Pleasing as it was to hear dazzling instrumental colours and moods change as quickly as the lighting design, the need to hear subtleties, or even lyrics, became frustrating. Perhaps Björk should have considered a tour of intimate theatres as the best setting for her music.

As a performer, Björk is both accessible and strange. Dressed in white, she jack-knifed at the waist and circled the microphone, straining for notes and reaching them by odd routes. "Like Someone in Love", accompanied only by Guy Sigsworth's keyboard playing, proved the unorthodox power of her voice. This was one of the best concerts in a long time, marred only by the unsuitability of the venue. Again please, but somewhere else.

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Theatre critics are said to make or break a new show, but Jeremy Kingston finds the producers turning the barbs around

An unusually honest note has entered the clamorous world of theatre advertising, a genre popularly assumed to have carried the art of selective quotation to unrivalled heights. Nowhere else can three little dots be placed so artfully, and many a cynical theatregoer must have wondered if "... spectacular ... (*Daily Blast*)" was first tapped on to the critic's screen as "This show is a spectacular disaster".

But now the inventive producer Bill Kenwright, or his advertising agency, has come up with a striking development of puffery, to wit: the judicious use of a bad review. John Godber's après-ski comedy *On The Piste* opened last February to a generally positive reception, though some notices hinted at the writer's surprise that he was actually at last liking a Godber play. The current newspaper advert assembles ten quotes — "Very funny" from Paul Taylor: "Genuinely funny" from our own Benedict Nightingale; "Surprisingly funny" from John Gross: and so forth, a gathering of approval surely justifying the heading along the top: THE CRITICS ARE UNANIMOUS!

Then you notice an asterisk after the exclamation mark, and down at the bottom of the ad, underneath what Ned and Maureen, Michael and Charles have to say, the asterisk makes its second appearance, alongside a caveat printed in italics that are fainter than the bold words of praise but large enough to catch the eye. * Except Nicholas ... "Sick, crude and obvious"!! Nicholas de Jongh, *Evening Standard*.

I do not know how you respond to this joky candour but it would make me feel that a show thus puffed might, if nothing else, be fun. For this reason, it would not be the way to plug *Othello* where dissent is no joke and would fit uneasily in the context of asterisks and first names. On the other hand, I do wonder if earnest exultation is the best way to promote a serious play. "I urge and beg you to see it ... " What's wrong with the thing that the *Sunday Times* chap must go down on his knees?

From the point of view of producers, who live in an eternal present, the purpose of theatre criticism is to provide quotations that will act upon the public like maggots to fish. Snap and they're hooked. An actor may be stricken when a critic fails to name him but so long as something is praised the producer will smile and reach for his scissors. "Tom Conti makes this the play to see," is the gist of what the *Financial Times* has to say of *Present Laughter*, even though the original words do not say this so neatly and no dots have been inserted to mark the jumps.

But check the context of Irving Wardle's comment in the *Independent on Sunday* — "Tom Conti — an actor of devastating charm," and you will find that "devastating" is not praise.

Can the *Guardian* really have said, of *Don't Dress For Dinner*, "Breathtaking farce, a near faultless piece of theatrical invention?" Yes, it did, though Michael Billington was not the critic who said so but Rosalind Carne, whose name the management properly displays outside the theatre, next to an enthusiastic review from a newspaper in Guildford.

The non-appearance on billboards of the daily and weekly heavies is as good as a bad review for the keen-eyed theatregoer. Likewise, a preponderance of approving notices from *Screen Magazine* and *LBC*, as displayed outside *Lust* — worthy organs, both of them, but cheering in a landscape otherwise barren except for the *FT* and *Express*.

After checking the billboards of 20 West End theatres against the original reviews reproduced in Ian Herbert's *Theatre Record*, I have to report that the art of flagrant misrepresentation is in eclipse. Perhaps this disappearance will only be temporary, although my own experience suggests that today's managements will immediately remove an offending item if the critics venture to protest.

I heartily disliked the current production of *Blood Brothers*, now in its sixth year, and said so with emphasis. But the scruples of an honest reporter obliged me to add a closing sentence: "I am bound to record that at the final curtain the stalls rose and gave vent to grateful cheers that could still be heard as I fled shuddering to the Underground."

Of course I should have known better, and sure enough Bill Kenwright made use of the sentence from "the stalls rose" as far as "grateful cheers" for a year or more until I murmured a complaint when reviewing another Kenwright show. He rang me before breakfast the next morning. "You should have complained earlier," he said, and wiped the quote.

The cheekiest misrepresentation of modern times occurred in New York where some dismal musical presented by David Merrick was in terrible trouble. He had the wit to look through the telephone directory for people with the same names as the leading critics, invited them to his show and printed their views: "Terrific (Clive Barnes)", "Fantastic (Walter Kerr)" — although in fact they were cab drivers and tailors. I hope this ruse, worthy of Phineas T. Barnum, prince of conmen, extended the run a little.

Every time lavish musicals die a death, the producers blame critics for being out of touch with what the public wants. But they cannot have it both ways. If our dislikes are not worth the paper they are printed on — how dare we object to *Leonardo*, *Bernadette*, *Moby Dick*, *Which Witch?* — then neither is our enthusiasm worth the billboards it is painted on.

Fortunately there are enough of us to bring a broad range of expectation to what we are invited to review. When we howl in unison the likelihood is that a paying public will also howl, except perhaps for Jack Tinker (a tinker?) and Paul Taylor (a tailor?).



Pointing out what they want you to see? A visitor to London appears unimpressed by quoted critical plaudits for a current London revival of *Present Laughter*

PROMS PREVIEW: Tomorrow two British premieres show black music's impact in Germany

Africa meets Weimar, and all that jazz

Stephen Pettitt talks to conductor Robert Ziegler about the unjustly neglected music of Wilhelm Grosz

In the melting pot of ideas which the Proms represent, one of the most eye-catching programmes this year is that offered by the group Matrix under its conductor Robert Ziegler tomorrow. The name of Kurt Weill, represented by *Mahagonny-Songspiel* and *Cry, the Beloved Country*, is familiar to most music-lovers. And Bernd Alois Zimmermann, whose trumpet concerto *Nobody knows de trouble I see* will be played by Hakan Hardenberger, has at least the benefit of remembered notoriety for his complex modernist opera *Die Soldaten*, composed and revised in the late Fifties and early Sixties when the zeal of postwar Darmstadt was still current.

But another composer in the programme, Wilhelm Grosz, will be a stranger to many, though not to those who remember the heyday of London's "Tin Pan Alley" where he found himself a great success, having fled from the Nazis in the early Thirties. "He was introduced to me by John Willett, the Brecht scholar and specialist in the Weimar period," says Ziegler. "He told me about this ballet called *Baby in der Bar*, which is quite a period piece, with a jazz band on stage. And then he said, look, there are also all these songs. So I looked around and finally found a song of his recorded ages ago by Kurt Gerron, who was in the first performance of *The Threepenny Opera*. And I just went on from there."

Grosz's music was once widely published by Universal Edition, but no longer. Coming from the same pedigree as Weill, he wrote a learned doctoral thesis on the use of fugue in Mozart and a pair of one-act operas in the style of Richard Strauss. "But", Ziegler adds, "he was also one of the first people, predating even Milhaud, to use jazz in a concert context. Eventually I came across these *Afrika-Songs*, which are settings of some of the Harlem poets from the time, Langston Hughes chief among them."

Was the influence of black cultures absorbed in technical terms or in spirit by these German Jews? Ziegler thinks it was something of both. "The wildfire of jazz spread from Zemlinsky to Weill to Krenek and all around, with different levels of ability and sophistication. You can look at it as part of a very large post-Wagnerian reaction to 19-century music."

The obvious question to ask is whether this cross-fertilisation between Jew and black American represents a mutual sharing of oppression. "It's something I've thought about a lot. I can't find anything to make a real case for that. I don't think they felt at that time a particular sense of fraternity with the black situation. Lots of non-Jews wrote in a jazz idiom as well. All of this was of course pre-1933. They were working as Europeans, and Grosz was Viennese down to his toes."

> Grosz was one of the first people to use jazz in a concert setting

So it's more a conscious attempt to popularise? "Absolutely. I think the folk element appealed to them, but that provokes a lot of composers."

Ziegler, now 40, has been making steady inroads into his chosen profession since coming to Britain from Los Angeles in the early Eighties after training with, among others, Giulini. He now conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Scottish Chamber Orchestra fairly regularly and tries to make a special point of tackling unusual or contemporary repertoire wherever he is invited to work. "It's always a lift if you can include something that's a bit out of the way."

He regards the Matrix Ensemble, which he formed in 1987 specifically for a concert of works by Eisler at the Almeida Theatre, as "a kind of laboratory for new works, new contexts, new combinations of music." They have performed, for instance, music with puppets, with film, and with actors.

"But they also spawn new ideas for larger programmes. When a programme has an idea to it everyone can understand it. They might only get a little bit of it, but they're taken somewhere else rather than being passive. They're asked to accept an idea and hear the music in that."



Robert Ziegler (left) and Hakan Hardenberger (right): conductor and soloist in tomorrow's Matrix Ensemble Prom

Hakan Hardenberger champions Bernd Alois Zimmermann's trumpet concerto. By Hilary Finch

When he was eight years old and living in the countryside of southern Sweden, Hakan Hardenberger was given a battered second-hand trumpet as a last-minute Christmas present from his father, who was something of a Louis Armstrong buff. Hakan wrote in his exercise book: "My teacher says if I practise hard I can become a great trumpet player, so that is what I will be." It's a story which now makes him wince; but it is also the story which lies behind the fact that two of this year's Prom premieres are works written specifically for solo trumpet.

After 200 years of social and musical ostracism, the trumpet is now *the* instrument to write for and to programme. Hakan Hardenberger is the epitome, some would say the apotheosis, of a new breed of determined and fearless soloists, like Maurice André, Philip Jones and John Wallace, whose refusal to be intimidated by time-honoured obstacles and prejudices has, in turn, stimulated a whole new generation of composers to write again for the trumpet.

It was jazz, of course, which first freed the trumpet from centuries of stalemate caused by a continuous subtext of military and religious associations which haunted the instrument's history. Hardenberger sees the huge trumpet-shaped gap in the Romantic repertoire, for instance, as being a largely sociological phenomenon. "I've tried some Schumann pieces with cornet and piano, and the blend is ideal. It's just the right colour. But the cornet was considered a lower-class, vulgar, outdoor instrument, suitable only for military bands and fanfares."

> It was jazz first freed the trumpet from centuries of stalemate

It was precisely to heal such social rifts that the German composer Bernd Alois Zimmermann (born 1918) used the trumpet — and black American music — as prime movers in his work *Nobody knows de trouble I see* which Hardenberger unveils in its British premiere at the Albert Hall tomorrow.

Zimmermann's "collage" method of composing, uniting styles and forms from different periods and different cultures, was part of a conscious effort to suggest a way forwards toward transcendent understanding and unity. He committed suicide in 1970. The work has been in Hardenberger's repertoire for ten years "and I'm asked to play it more and more as, sadly, its message becomes increasingly appropriate.

"It's an intense, compressed work. I play for every second of its 16 minutes. Then, at the end, the orchestra stops, and the trumpet plays the negro spiritual alone, pianissimo, in the most difficult tessitura. It is almost as if Zimmermann wants the trumpeter to suffer too."

Hardenberger's technical brilliance and emotional determination to explore areas where no trumpeter has gone before has itself pushed back the known boundaries of the instrument. Michael Blake Watkins's and Jan Sandström's Concertos and, in particular, Harrison Birtwistle's *Endless Parade*, all written for Hardenberger, have expanded the trumpet's technical and expressive possibilities beyond what even Hardenberger himself had thought possible. The latest composer to fall under his spell has been Hans Werner Henze, whose now-complete *Requiem* will be premiered at a special midday Prom on Sunday, September 5.

Other composers are also lining up to write for Hardenberger. Takemitsu is one, Arvo Pärt another. He would love to commission something from Henri Dutilleux, too. Never again, he determines, will there be a time when trumpeters do not dare or cannot be bothered to ask composers to write for them. "Think of Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Bartók. Nothing! There were brilliant trumpet players in America by the time Bartók got there. And he had to earn his bread and butter. If they'd offered him ten dollars, he'd surely have written them a sonata."

What, for Hardenberger, is the most rewarding part of his ever-increasing repertoire? "I couldn't possibly say. All I know is that there are moments when I'm playing when the self is completely wiped out, and all that is happening is that the music is moving through you. You feel as if you're not there. Yet it's a paradox, because it's when that happens that you're actually giving the most. It happens sometimes with Roland Pöntinen, [Hardenberger's pianist for the past ten years] and when I've played Haydn with Paavo Berglund. You'll practise millions of hours just for those moments, that feeling."

PROM REVIEWS

Benefits of a fresh approach

NYCO/Kovacevich
BBCSO/Davis
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Apart from the couple immediately adjacent who behaved like teenagers in the back row of some suburban fleapit, the lady near by who insisted on playing footsie with one of those crinkly plastic bags, and the party in the box opposite who ignored the distraction of what was happening on the stage by ploughing manfully on with their champagne picnic, I rather enjoyed last Saturday's Prom. It was given by a team of real musicians, professionals to the core.

Almost by definition the **National Youth Chamber Orchestra** is the cream of the cream of the nation's young talent, and it showed in everything they played. One can write that without patronising deference to their age: often the string sound was every bit as refined as one hears from a major London orchestra, while the woodwinds were, both individually and collectively, quite superb.

Perhaps, on the other hand, their youth was betrayed in the slightly precious sexlessness of Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll*, where the conductor, Stephen Kovacevich, did nothing to disturb an atmosphere of prayerful calm. But if not my personal ideal, this was a perfectly valid reading which at least set out, for all who were willing to hear, the marvellous poise and control of which these players are capable.

Such polish flowed over into the next work, Richard Strauss's Second Horn Concerto, given an extraordinarily confident account by orchestra and soloist alike. That soloist was the young Cambridge history undergraduate David Pyatt, who just happened to have won the BBC Young Musician of the Year award, aged 14, in 1988. Again no condescending account needed be taken of Pyatt's tender years. He stayed unfazed by hugeness of hall, audience or the technical challenge of this fertile work, splitting not a single note and faltering neither in articulation nor tone quality. It was altogether a superb display of an already finely honed craft.

So was that offered by the NYCO's principals, together with the pianist Richard Ormrod, in Webern's Concerto for Nine Instruments, Op 24, still, 60 or so years after its composition, a brave offering to set before this audience, though one to which at least the Promenaders lent their usual rapt ear. Line, colour and rhythmic precision were the order of the day here; this team played the work as if it were second nature, enjoying both the musical experience and the limelight to the full.

But most of the seated audience had come, one suspects, for Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, which received a powerful, arresting but carefully balanced performance. If we were not newly shocked in the way that, say, Norrington can still shock us in this work, it was nevertheless impossible not to be carried along by the boldly creative waves Beethoven stirred up. And how thrilling was that glorious beginning to the finale, where trombones add their revolutionary resonance to the triumphant blaze.

The following night Andrew Davis and the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** devoted their concert to English music. Delius's *Sea Drift* sets Walt Whitman's wonderfully wind-blown, passionately tragic words rather flabbily, to my way of thinking, and Thomas Allen, the baritone soloist, adopted a polite manner with them, which did not help at all.

Conversely Elgar's autobiographical *The Music Makers* is a fine work which sets a text by Arthur O'Shaughnessy that is no more than a period piece, undistinguished save for the opening two lines. Jean Rigby, the solo mezzo-soprano, and the BBC Symphony Chorus, who sang with a formidable discipline both here and in the Delius, were able fully to relish the music's many bold, glorious and moving moments.

Between these two pieces Kathryn Stott gave a glittering reading of that old Proms favourite, John Ireland's Piano Concerto. Neither her keen advocacy nor that of Davis and his in-form charges could disguise, however, this work's irritating tendency to flog its motifs to death.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Future championships unlikely to reach Stuttgart pinnacle

Conquering heroes make case for prize-money

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pop group, Take That, went almost unnoticed in a corner of Terminal 1 at Heathrow Airport yesterday lunchtime. The British athletics team attracted far greater interest, arriving home from the world championships in Stuttgart to banners, cameras, cheering and chanting. The woman behind a car-hire counter could not remember a reception like it.

If only Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president, would show more appreciation for a job well done.

Still, though, he refuses to concede that prize-money should be paid. Yet the performances of Linford Christie, Colin Jackson, Sally Gunnell and Michael Johnson were no less professional in preparation and execution than that of, say, a Wimbledon champion. Nor did Nebiolo win any friends among the sport's entertainers by his move to prevent a group of athletes, Johnson among them, from staying in the same hotel as federation officials.

"The IAAF president refuses to accept any athletes in the official hotel," read the fax from the organising committee to Brad Hunt, Johnson's manager, who had tried to book his squad in when they found the athletes' quarters inadequate.

The championships were better than either the Olympic Games last year or the previous world championships. In 14 of the 24 men's events, the winning mark was better than at the Olympics; 16 were superior by comparison with the 1991 winning performances. In the 19 women's events, ten winning marks were better than in Barcelona; 12 were an improvement on the 1991 world championships.

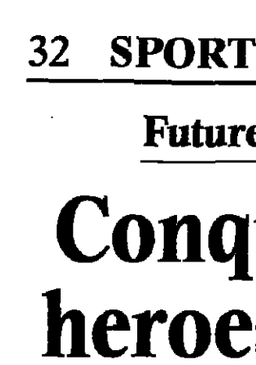
Four world records were improved and one was equalled, a better return than from the Olympics; there was no shortage, either, of close competition: Gunnell beating Sandra Farmer-Patrick in the 400 metres hurdles by the length of a Flo-Jo fingernail; Gail Devers beating Merlene Ottey in the 100 metres by the width of one.

However, no athlete was able to sustain a peak through three years of successive global championships; now that world championships are biennial, this is a new demand. Joan Allison, the Great Britain team manager, believes that the athletes cannot continue to rise to present achievement levels. "They [the IAAF] have got away with it this time but I think this will be the greatest world championships of them all," Allison said.

While the age of sprint champions is rising, it is falling among the distance runners. Christie and Ottey, both 33, are respectively the men's 100 metres and women's 200 metres champions; Ismael Kirui, 18, won the 5,000 metres, Haile Gebresilasie the 10,000 metres at 20, and none of the three Chinese women who won on the track, at 1,500 metres, 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres, is over 20. Selina Barsosio, of Kenya, was third in the women's 10,000 metres before her sixteenth birthday.

Much has been said in the United States about the sport there being in crisis, but 13 gold medals was more than three times the number won by any other country.

In view of the suspicions of drug-taking aroused by China's success, it will be interesting to see whether the IAAF agrees to a proposal from Peter Radford, the British Athletic Federation chairman, for a fingerprint register to ensure that athletes tested at random are who they say they are. Of more immediate interest to the BAF, though, is negotiations for a new domestic television contract. The present one with ITV expires in March. The performances of Britain's athletes should have strengthened the BAF's bargaining hand.



Allison: warning note

ADRIAN BROOKS



Christie and Gunnell display their gold medals at Heathrow yesterday

Krabbe battle will rage on

INTERNATIONAL athletics officials yesterday accepted they could face a legal battle in the German courts over the decision to impose a two-year ban on the sprinter, Katrin Krabbe, for admitting that she took drugs (John Goodbody writes).

Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion, and her compatriots, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr, have already been suspended for 12 months and now the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has extended the suspension for a further two years for "unsportsmanlike behaviour".

The federation has been unable to enforce its minimum four-year ban for serious doping offences, because it feared the German courts would judge the suspension too long for an athlete earning money.

When asked if he feared Krabbe might resort to the civil courts to fight the ban, Arne Ljungqvist, the IAAF medical commission president, replied: "That could be the situation ... The council did not get legal advice on the two years. The council believed that people involved in this kind of matter should be seriously punished." However, he added that the federation council had discussed a report on legal problems in Germany.

Last July, Krabbe, Breuer and Derr gave further urine samples, which they admit contained clenbuterol. This drug is known as "doper's delight", because it is both a stimulant and an anabolic agent in animals and may help a competitor to recover more quickly from intensive training. In Germany, it is also licensed as a drug for the treatment of asthma, from which the three Germans say they were suffering.

Clenbuterol, is the drug taken last year by Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies, the two British weightlifters sent home from the 1992 Olympic Games. They have been granted legal aid to take the British Olympic Association to court, because it is debatable whether it was a substance proscribed by the International Olympic Committee.

The IAAF arbitration panel is to rule on the case of John Ngugi, of Kenya, five times world-cross country champion, who last February refused to give a urine sample.

Rocastle in line for recall against Arsenal

BY KEITH PIKE

DAVID Rocastle, whose football career has gone backwards since his transfer from Arsenal to Leeds United, could tonight be given a rare chance to establish himself.

Rocastle, who has started only 13 games under Howard Wilkinson after a £2 million move in July last year, has been included in the Leeds squad for the FA Carling Premiership match against his former club at Highbury.

Mark Tinkler, the teenager who made such an impression during England's victory in the world under-18 championship last month, is also in contention as Wilkinson considers his options after their 4-0 home defeat by Norwich City on Saturday.

Wilkinson must make at least one change. David O'Leary, who followed Rocastle to Elland Road on a free transfer after 20 years with Arsenal, is on crutches after damaging an Achilles tendon against Norwich.

David Wetherall and Jon Newsome are O'Leary's possible replacements. Arsenal will be without John Jensen, who is on World Cup duty with Denmark.

Two international managers, Graham Taylor and Jack Charlton, will have more than a passing interest in events at Maine Road, where Manchester City meet Blackburn Rovers.

Time is running out for Alan Shearer, the Blackburn striker, if he is to prove his recovery from a cruciate ligament injury before England's World Cup qualifying tie against Poland on September 8, while Niall Quinn, of City and Ireland, may also start his first match of the season. An ankle injury has put his chance of a place against Lithuania next month at risk.

Jostein Flo, Sheffield United's Norwegian striker, who was his side's best player during their defeat at Everton, will make his first home appearance against Wimbledon at Bramall Lane. Their opponents have decided not to pursue their interest in Danny Wallace, the Manchester United winger who had been expected to join them on a free transfer.

Nottingham Forest could go top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division if they beat Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park tonight and Middlesbrough fail to win at Barnsley.

Forest are likely to include Stan Collymore, their record signing, for the first time, provided the striker proves he has recovered from tonsillitis.

SPORT IN BRIEF

England Cup team to be led by Faldo

NICK Faldo, the world No 1, who declined to play in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews last season, will return this year to captain the England team in the 16-nation tournament from October 14 to 17. England will field a different trio from that which won the event in 1992. Faldo, Peter Baker and Mark James replace Jamie Spence, David Gilford and Steven Richardson, none of whom qualified for selection, which is based on earnings in Europe.

Scotland, the 1992 runners-up, will again be captained by Colin Montgomerie, and he will be supported by Sam Torrance and Gordon Brand Jr. Wales will be led by Ian Woosnam backed by Mark Mouland and Paul Mayo. Ireland's team will be Ronan Rafferty, David Feherty and Paul McGinley.

In Castle Rock, Colorado, Phil Mickelson, 23, became the youngest three-time winner on the US PGA Tour since Jack Nicklaus when he had an easy victory in the International tournament on Sunday.

Britain defeated again

HOCKEY: Great Britain went down to their second defeat in two matches at the women's Champions Trophy in Amsterdam yesterday. They lost 3-1 to South Korea, who attacked superbly. Once again Britain had their goalkeeper, Hilary Rose, to thank for keeping the scoreline respectable. South Korea took the lead when Lee Ji Young converted a thirteenth-minute penalty stroke, awarded after Sue Fraser had illegally blocked a shot on goal.

Three minutes before the interval, Ro Young Mi added a brilliant second and in the 46th minute Lee Kui Joo made it 3-0 with a fine individual effort. Britain never gave up and the Trojan forward, Sally Gibson, scored after 54 minutes. The Olympic champions, Spain, crashed 8-1 to Australia — their second defeat in two days — and are in last place.

Tracy beats Mansell

MOTOR SPORT: Nigel Mansell's hopes of three consecutive IndyCar victories were wrecked by Paul Tracy, of Canada, who led throughout in the Texaco-Havoline 200-mile race at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, on Sunday. Mansell finished second in his Newman-Haas Lola-Ford but he was able to extend his lead in the IndyCar drivers' championship to 31 points over Tracy's Penske-Chevrolet team-mate, Emerson Fittipaldi. It was Tracy's fourth victory of the season and strengthened his grip on third place in the title race, which has four rounds remaining.

Gascoigne picked

FOOTBALL: Paul Gascoigne has been picked for England's critical World Cup match against Poland after Graham Taylor flew to Rome to check on the midfield player's condition. Taylor paid to watch Gascoigne and has told him he will be in the squad for the Wembley match on September 8. Claudio Bartolini, the Lazio club doctor, was last week reported as saying that: "Paul is only 50 per cent fit after his crazy summer". But Taylor, after watching Lazio gain a 1-0 win against Roma in a warm-up game, said that Gascoigne looked "no less fit than any other Lazio player".

Tordo out of action

RUGBY UNION: Jean-François Tordo, the France captain, has ruptured a knee ligament and will be out of action for six months. Tordo, who led France to the five nations' championship title in the spring, sustained the injury playing for Nice against Graulhet on Saturday. According to the Nice club doctor, Tordo, who had an operation yesterday at the Saint-Laurent clinic, "will not be able to undergo any sporting activity for six months". Tordo sustained the injury when he landed badly on his right leg and had to be helped from the field.

Banking on experience

ICE HOCKEY: Alex Dampier, the Great Britain coach, has named a preliminary squad of 25 players for the Olympic play-off which starts in Sheffield on Saturday with Britain playing Poland. He has included the three goaltenders who performed so well in Eindhoven last April when Britain won pool B of the world championships, but there are six newcomers to the squad, four of whom are Canadian-born. This takes the dual-national complement to 14. The average age of the dual-nationals is over 31, so Dampier is banking on experience.

Brazil return to form

FOOTBALL: Brazil beat Ecuador 2-0 before a capacity crowd of 80,000 in São Paulo to improve their chances of qualifying for the World Cup finals in the United States. It was a badly needed boost for Brazil, whose recent results have been poor. The victory put them two points ahead of Ecuador and Uruguay in the South American group B but they are still well behind Bolivia, who defeated Venezuela 7-0 in La Paz to maintain their 100 per cent record. In another World Cup match on Sunday, Argentina went back to the top of group A by defeating Peru 2-1 in Buenos Aires.

Fox will miss tour

RUGBY UNION: Grant Fox, right, New Zealand's record points scorer, has announced that he will be unavailable for the All Blacks tour of England and Scotland later this year because of business commitments. Fox, 31, who in 46 internationals has scored 645 points, said: "This is not an announcement of my retirement. I will not be making any decisions about my future in the game until early next year."



Courier ranked top

TENNIS: Jim Courier, who won the RCA championship in Indianapolis on Sunday with an impressive 7-5, 6-3 victory over Boris Becker, will start the US Open next Monday as the world No 1, taking over from Pete Sampras, the man who beat him in the Wimbledon final. Courier went through the week without losing a set, dropping his service only twice. "This is the best I have felt going into the US Open," Courier said after his fifth title of the year. Steffi Graf won her fifth-consecutive tournament when she beat Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 0-6, 6-3 to take the Canadian Open.

Fee fixed for Molloy

RUGBY LEAGUE: Steve Molloy, the Great Britain prop forward, who joined Featherstone Rovers a fortnight ago, tribunal, a figure substantially below that of the £160,000 being asked by Leeds, his former club. Featherstone had offered £50,000. The sum is binding and Featherstone will have to pay an additional £5,000 if Molloy, 24, whom they signed on a two-year contract, adds to his one cap gained in the 48-6 win in France last March. Molloy will make his debut in the championship match at Leigh on Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BRITISH NATIONAL LEAGUE (BNGL): Play-offs: Semi-finals: Premier division: Tiptree Titans 62, Lancashire Wolverines 14; Croydon Kings 12, Bath Gladiators 6. First division: Lincoln Saints 31, Cambridge Cats 27; Redbridge Fire 34, Hereford Chargers 0.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): Preliminary final: Lea Valley Saints 82, Wandsworth 47

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 4, Chicago 3; San Francisco 7, Florida 4; Pittsburgh 10, San Diego 5; Colorado 4, New York 3; Montreal 7, Cincinnati 2; Houston 7, Philadelphia 3; Los Angeles 3, St Louis 0.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 3, Boston 2; Detroit 5, Oakland 3; Kansas City 7, New York 0; Toronto 12, Seattle 7; Texas 11, Baltimore 4; Chicago 1, Minnesota 0; Milwaukee 7, California 5.
BRITISH FEDERATION (BBF): Knockout Cup: Semi-finals: Crawley Comets 2, Humberside Mets 13; Mansfield Hill Pirates 6, Bedford Chicksands Indians 7.

BOWLS

WORTHING: NatWest EBA Two Fours championship: Semi-finals: Blackheath and Greenwich 44, Marlborough (Ipswich) 31 (rink scores, Blackheath skips first, G Smith 21, R Cutts 12; M Selger 23, A Wyatt 19), Bournmouth 43, Avenue (Coventry) 30 (rink scores, Bournemouth skips first, N Jones 23, K Wooding 15, Pull 20, P Bergner 15. Final: Blackheath and Greenwich 44, Bournemouth 36 (rink scores, Blackheath skips first: Smith 25, Jones 20; Selger 19, Pull 16). NatWest under-18 singles championship: Semi-finals: N McKee (Kings Thorpe) bt B Wheeler (West London), 21-6, G Shadwell (Trowbridge Westbourne) bt D Harvey (Church Warsop Notts), 21-7. Final: Shadwell bt McKee, 21-20.

BOXING

KALISPELL, Montana: IBF bantamweight championship: Julio Cesar Borboa (Mex) bt Carlos Marcado (Col), rsc 3rd rnd.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Oswestry: Wales 182-6 dec (J Derrick 110 not out, P M Blakeley 4-76), Shropshire 161-5 (A D Breakwell 68, T Parton 69). Chester: Cheshire 226-3 dec (S Crawley 62, A Hall 85) and 25-0. Wiltshire 221 (J O'Brien 4 for 52)

CYCLING

HAMAR, Norway: World track championships: Men: Tandem sprint: Final (best-of-three rides): F Parts and R Chappa (It) bt S Pate and D Day (Aus), 2-0, 3rd place, A Dromanek and L Hargas (Cz). Points race: Final: 1, E de Wilde (Bel), 26pts; 2, E Magnin (Fr), 17; 3, V Iakoviev (Ukr), 13; 4, V Kravchenko (Kaz), 9; 5, B Walton (Can), 5. Motor-paced race: Final (two 30 km races): First leg: 1, R Koenigshofer (Austria), paced by K Igl (Austria); 2, J Vaggerby (Denmark) and B Walrave (Holl), at 2sec; 3, A Fanelli (It) and W Comadin (It), 5sec. Second leg: 1, Veggerby; 2, C Podiesch (Ger) and D Durst (Ger); 3, Koenigshofer. Final points: 1, Veggerby, 85; 2, Koenigshofer, 75; 3, Podiasch, 46, 4, Fanelli, 42.
ZURICH: Zurich classic (239km): 1, M Fondriest (It), Lampre, 6hr 23mn 33sec, 2, C Motret (Fr), Novemail; 3, B Cenghialta (It), Ariostea; 4, J Heppner (Ger), Telekom; 5, S Hernandez (Sp), Mapei, all same time, 6, S della Santa (It), Mapei, at 5sec; 7, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera, 47. World Cup standings (after eight rounds): 1, Fondriest, 194pts; 2, M Sciandri (It), Motorola, 89; 3, J Museeuw (Bel), GB MG, 87; 4, Chiappucci, 80; 5, A Volpi (It), Mecair, 75; 6, F Ballanni (It), GB MG 73.

EQUESTRIANISM

THIRLESTANE CASTLE, Scotland: Scottish Open three-day event: 1, Cageadore (S Corscaddan, Ire), 39pts; 2, Bertie Blunt (N Burton, GB), 39, 3, Welton Houdini (V Lang, GB), 39. Other British: 7, Chaka (W Fox-Pitt), 46; 8, Song and Dance Man (K Gifford), 47.
MORETON MORRELL, Warwickshire: Pony Club tetrathlon championships: Boys' tetrathlon: 1, North Cotswold, 13,000 pts, 2, Meath Hunt, 12,493; 3, Warwickshire, 12,384. Individual members: 1, M Johnson (BWH), 4,410; 2, D Storer (North Cotswold), 4,403, 3, J Whetman (Four Burrow), 4,391. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall), C Low (East Cornwall), 4,563, 2, J Griffin (Wood Union), 4,466, 3, J Stephens (North Cotswold), 4,442. Girls: 1, Flint and Denbigh, 12,176; 2, OBH Chilterns, 12,086; 3, Hurworth Hunt, 12,038. Individual members: 1, C Wynn-Green (Flint and Denbigh), 4,169; 2, M Tweddle (Hurworth), 4,096; 3, C Hickerton (Flint and Denbigh), 4,080. Individual associates: 1 (and best overall), K Allenby (Spooners and West Dartmoor), 4,356; 2, J Allen (Old Berkshire), 4,288, 3 E Kipling (Zetland), 4,224.

GOLF

CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Men's stableford tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 45pts: P Mickelson, 11, 7, 11, 16 37; M Calcavecchia, 0, 4, 14, 19, 33; P Blackmar, 6, 15, 5, 7, 31; G Norman (Aus), 11, 6, 5 9, S Simpson, 2, 13, 8, 6, 29; B Favon, 13, 7, 2, 6, S Pate, 14, 1, 5, 8, 28; S Kendall, 12, 9, 1, 4 25; R Mediate, 8, 1, 5, 11, 23; C Parry (Aus), 4, 3, 12, 4 22; B Claar, 7, 9, 1, 5; H Irwin, 4, 4, 7, 7, 21; M O'Meara, 13, 9, 1, 2; L Rinker, 10, 5, 1, 5, 19; V Singh (Fiji), 2, 1, 15,2; Nakajima (Japan), 2, 12, 4, 1; S Elkington (Aus), 5, 2, 10, 2, 18; M Hulbert, 5, 1, 8, 4, 18; P Persons, 1, 4, 10, 1, T Purtzer, 2, 12, 5, 3, B Ogle (Aus), 2, 3, 6, 3, 14; N Lancaster, 2, 10, 5, 1, 13; P Moss, 1, 10, 9, 5, 9; M Dawson, 4, 9, 0, 4.
BROOKLYN PARK, Minnesota: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 205: H Kobayashi (Japan), 73, 67, 65 (won first play-off hole); C Rinck, 67, 69, 69, 206; T Barrett, 68, 72, 66, 207; D Lofland-Formanek, 66, 70, 69, 208; J Brewer-Hinton, 70, 70, 68; J Cratter (Aus), 72, 66, 70, 210; A Alcott, 70, 72, 68; J Anschutz, 71, 66, 73, 211; N Daghe 71, 73, 67; B Burton 71, 69, 71; S Farwig, 68, 70, 73.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire: British junior national championships: First day (169km tri, 11 completions of 35): 1, P Shelton (Discus), 71.4kph, 889pts; 2, S Housden (ASW19), 70.9, 886; 3, D Allison (Cirrus), 63.4, 841, equal 4, S Wardle (Discus), S Harland (ASW19), 62.2, 834; 6, K Hodgson (Discus), 60.5, 825; 7, H Rebbeck (LS4), 56.8, 802; 8, N Passmore (DG300), 56.2, 799; 9, S France (Nimbus 2), 55.8, 797; 10, A Hopkins (Pik 20b), 55.6, 795; 11, A Duerden (LS4), 53.1, 781; 12, R Tait (Astir CF), 168.0km, 593pts.

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Men: Inter-Continental Cup: Group A:South Korea 4, Malaysia 2; Cuba 2, Ireland 2. Group B: South Africa 3, France 1.
AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions' Trophy: South Korea 1, Germany 1; South Korea 3, Britain 1; Australia 8, Spain 1.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: European group six: Sweden 1, France 1 (in Stockholm).
South American group A: Paraguay 1, Colombia 1 (in Asuncion); Argentina 2, Peru 1 (in Buenos Aires). Group B: Brazil 2, Ecuador 0 (in São Paulo): Bolivia 7, Venezuela 0 (in La Paz).

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
Colombia	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Paraguay	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Peru	4	0	0	4	2	6	0
Group B							
Bolivia	5	5	0	0	20	2	10
Brazil	5	2	2	1	8	4	6
Ecuador	5	1	2	2	5	3	4
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	3	4	4
Venezuela	5	0	0	5	2	25	0

EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round: First leg: Partizani Tirana (Alb) 0, Alkranes (Ice) 0.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 1, Monaghan United 0, Drogheda United 1, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Limerick 0, Shelbourne 0; Shamrock Rovers 0, Dundalk 0.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Lisbon 2, Salgueiros 1; Farense 1, Belenenses 0; Estoril 1, Beira Mar 0; Boavista 3, CS Maritimo 2; Vitória Guimarães 3, Famalicão 0; Gil Vicente 1, Sporting Braga 1, União da Madeira 2, Pagos de Ferreira 0; Estrela Amadora 0, Vitória Setubal 0; Porto 3, Benfica 3
ITALIAN CUP: First round: Vicenza 1, Modena 0; Spal 1, Cosenza 2, Acireale 0, Ascoli 1, Giarre 0, Ancona 2; Avellino 1, Bari 0; Fiorentina 2, Empoli 0; Monza 1, Venezia 2; Palermo 2, Verona 1, Como 1, Brescia 2; Ravenna 0, Cesena 1, Trestina 2, Pescara 1; Bologna 1, Padova 2; Andria 0, Pisa 2; Salernitana 1, Udinese 2; Lecfe 2, Lucchese 3

MOTOR RACING

WISCONSIN: IndyCar race (200 miles): 1, P Tracy (Can), Penske-Chevrolet C, 50 laps, 1hr 41mn 20.989sec, 118.408 mph; 2, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 50, 27.459sec behind; 3, R Rahal (US), Lola-Chevrolet C, 50; 4, R Boesel (Br), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 50; 5, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevrolet C, 50; 6, E Cheever (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 50; 7, S Brayton (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 49; 8, A Luyendyk (Holl), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 49. Overall: 1, Mansell, 160; 2, Fittipaldi, 129, 3, Tracy, 122; 4, Boesel, 110; 5, M Andretti (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth XB, 97.

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 54, Canada 14 (at Lake Placid).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: British Columbia Emerging Players XV 9, Bristol 12 (in Vancouver).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Rye House 57, Long Eaton 50; Glasgow 71, Peterborough 37; Newcastle 71, Exeter 36.

TAEKWONDO

NEW YORK: World championships: Finals: Men: Middleweight: M Melgui (Fr) bt V Estrada (Mex). Light: Se Jin Park (S Kor) bt V Luke (Can). Fly: J Argudo (Sp) bt A Yamaguti (Br). Women: Middle: Eun Sun Park (S Kor) bt K Bassi (Gr). Light: J Santolana (Sp) bt Kyong Suk Park (S Kor). Fly: Su Mu You (S Kor) bt A Perez (Mex).

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Final: J Courier (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-5, 6-3.
TORONTO: Women's tournament: S Graf (Ger) bt J Capriati (US), 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Final: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt P Korda (Cz), 7-5, 6-4.
ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Courier (US), 3,973pts; 2, P Sampras (US), 3,768; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,114; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,844; 5, S Bruguera (Sp), 2,661; 6, M Stich (Ger), 2,392; 7, M Chang (US), 2,141; 8, A Medvedev (Ukr), 2,119; 9, P Korda (Cz), 2,014; 10, R Krajicek (Holl), 2,003. British placings: 119, C Wilkinson, 365; 135, J Bates, 321; 188, C Bailey, 209; 200, A Foster, 181; 207, M Petchey, 177; 357, M Maclagan, 83; 428, S Cole, 48; 451, N Gould, 44.

TRIATHLON

MANCHESTER: World championships. (1.5 km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run): Men: 1, S Smith (GB), 1hr 51min 20sec; 2, S Lessing (GB), 1:53:02, 3, H Carter (NZ), 1:53:25; 4, B Bevan (Aus), 1:53:55; 5, B Bright (Aus), 1:54:20. Women: 1, M Jones (Aus), 2:07:41; 2, K Smyers (US), 2:07:43; 3, I-A Ritchie (Can), 2:08:46; 4, S Kroll (Ger), 2:09:21; 5, S Nielsen (Den), 2:09:26.

YACHTING

LAKE COMO, Italy: International Laser II world championship: Third race: 1, A Macmillan (GB), 2, R Ford (GB); 3, P Harrison (GB); 4, R Larke-(GB), 5, F Katcha (US); 6, A Beackman (US).
FELPHAM: Topper national championships: First race: 1, G Priestley (Ullswater); 2, S Cleland (Nelson Centre); 3, T Wels (Grafham); 4, C Hopper (Llyn Aled); 5, J McKee (Chester), 6, C Henderson (Sutton). Second race: 1, Priestley; 2, S Kean (Herne Bay); 3, P Beale (Sutton); 4, M Rolfe (Broxbourne); 5, A Edwards (Northampton); 6, J Deal (Chew Valley).
PWLLHELI: Firefly national championship: Sussex silver firefly trophy: Second race: 1, S Tylecote and E Gage (Spinnaker SC); 2, S and L McQueen (Richenor), 3, R Robinson and T Cooper (West Kirby).

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 28 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Everton
1 A Villa v Tottenham
X Chelsea v Sheff Wed
1 Liverpool v Leeds
1 Norwich v Swindon
X Oldham v Wimbledon
2 Sheff Utd v Ipswich
2 South'pton v Man Utd
1 West Ham v QPR
Not on coupons: Manchester City v Coventry (Friday); Newcastle v Blackburn (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Birmingham
2 Charlton v Bolton
2 C Palace v Portsmouth
1 Derby v Bristol C
X Grimsby v Tranmere
1 Leicester v Millwall
2 Luton v Notm F
2 Notts Co v Sunderland
1 Oxford v Watford
X Southend v Peterboro
X Stoke v West Brom
1 Wolves v Middlesbrough

SECOND DIVISION
1 Bradford v Exeter
X Brentford v Reading
2 Bristol R v Fulham
1 Burnley v Leyton O
1 Cambridge v Hull
1 Cardiff v Brighton
2 Hartlepool v Bourn'm'th
1 Hudd'field v Stockport
2 Plymouth v Port Vale
X Wrexham v Blackpool
1 York v Rotherham
Not on coupons: Barnet v Swansea

THIRD DIVISION
X Bury v Crewe
2 Carlisle v Rochdale
2 Chester v Chest'field
1 Colchester v North'pton
1 Darlington v Torquay
X Gillingham v Scarboro
2 Hereford v Lincoln
1 Mansfield v Scunthorpe
X Preston v Shrewsbury
X Wigan v Wycombe
Not on coupons: Walsall v Doncaster

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Accrington v Matlock
1 Barrow v Emley
2 Boston v Knowsley
1 Bridlington v Hyde
SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v St Johnstone
1 Dundee Utd v Hearts
X Hibernian v Dundee
1 Motherwell v Raith
X Partick v Celtic
1 Rangers v Kilmarnock
SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Ayr v Dumbarton
1 Clydebank v Clyde
2 Dunf'mline v Airdrie
2 Hamilton v Falkirk
1 Morton v Brechin
1 Stirling v St Mirren
SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Berwick v Arbroath; East Fife v Alloa, East Stirling v Meadowbank; Forfar v Queen of the South; Queen's Park v Montrose, Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath; Stranraer v Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chelsea, Oldham, Grimsby, Southend, Stoke, Brentford, Bury, Gillingham, Preston, Wigan, Hibernian, Partick.
BEST DRAWS: Oldham, Stoke, Bury, Gillingham, Hibernian.
AWAYS: Manchester United, Sunderland, Fulham, Port Vale, Chesterfield.
HOMES: Liverpool, Norwich, West Ham, Derby, Oxford, Bradford, Burnley, Cardiff, Accrington, Barrow, Motherwell, Clydebank.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Derby, Bradford, Cardiff, Clydebank. Aways: Sunderland, Chesterfield, Airdrie. Draws: Stoke, Bury, Gillingham.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

FRIMAIRE

(c) The third month of the French Revolutionary calendar, from November 21 to December 20, from the French *frimas* hoarfrost. 1838. Nicholas, *Chron. Hist*: "Frimaire, sleety month."

GRAME

(c) Anger, wrath, ire, from the Old English *grama*, cf. *grim*: "Grame, grimnesse or fiercenesse of countenance." Also, as an adjective, meaning angry, vexed, furious: "Forbere yore husbonde when he is grame."

CANDICANT

(c) Growing white, inclining to white, whitish, adapted from the Latin *candicant-em*, present participle of *candicāre* to be whitish or white: "Small cups with candicant flowers."

COFF

(b) To buy, purchase, originally found only in the past participle *coft*, probably adapted from the Middle Dutch *cōpen*, cf. (horse) coper, to buy and sell (still dialect beside the later *kocht*): Burns, *Tam o' Shanter*, 1790: "That sark she coft for her wee Nannie."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White's minor pieces are so active that he can deliver mate without the queen, viz. 1 gxf6! Qxd4 2 Nd7+ Kg8 3 Rxg7 mate.

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Owners back argument for cutting big-race entry fees

By Julian Muscat


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Running Turtle Island in the Middle Park Stakes would cost Robert Sangster £15,000

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) is facing growing pressure to lower the cost of entering horses for races, particularly those comprising the Pattern Race system.

Proposals circulated by owner-breeder Gerald Leigh, which have the backing of many of Britain's most powerful owners and trainers, call for a reduction in prize-money through less prohibitive entry costs. "I have a file thick with responses," Leigh said, "and they are overwhelmingly in favour of the idea."

There is also a consensus that the early closing of two-year-old group races, coupled with the five-figure cost of supplementing into these races, denies racegoers the opportunity of watching the best horses competing against each other.

Racing's administrators have pursued a policy of maintaining the value of British group races on a par with European racing nations. They argue that without commensurate prize-money, British-trained horses would do most of their group racing abroad.

However, because they have a smaller prize-money pool with which to work, Britain's administrators operate a mechanism of closing entries for group races — especially the end-of-season juvenile tests — many months in advance. This system forces owners to make a series of block entries for untried two-year-olds, most of which do not prove talented enough to run in such exalted company.

Owners' contributions to the races' total prize-money are therefore high. Many who race in this company would prefer to pay less, and race for less. Angus Gold, racing manager to Shaikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, described the policy as "one where owners are stung every step of the way."

Gold explained Shaikh Hamdan objected so strongly to the early closing system that he refuses to enter any juveniles in such races, preferring to supplement into the race at great cost. Shaikh Mohammed operates on similar lines.

"No trainer could tell in April how good a two-year-old will be in October," Gold argued. "It's fine for us to use the supplementary system, but what about the smaller owner?"

Robert Sangster's Turtle Island was not originally entered for the Middle Park Stakes, to be run in September, so Sangster now faces the prospect of paying £15,000 if the colt is to take his chance. Were Turtle Island in less affluent hands, it is debatable whether connections would be prepared to take the risk.

Group races in Britain less valuable than their French counterparts is anathema to David Oldrey, chairman of the BHB's race planning department. He defends high entry costs to maintain parity.

"The system is designed to milk the owner," counters Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Khaled Abdulla. "For every £100 we win in prize-money, £30 will have been spent on entries, and after deducting winning percentages for trainers, jockeys and stable staff, we are left with less than £50. This is our biggest bugbear in 15 years of racing in Britain."

Bill Gredley, recently elected to the council of the Racehorse Owners' Association, is to pursue the argument through that channel. "I'm totally against early closing with a supplementary stage because the small owner simply can't afford the latter," he said. "It's ridiculous. Why not cut these entry fees and race for less money."

The BHB is to consider this conundrum at its next full meeting. But Oldrey remains unconvinced. "You can't tinker with one part of the system without affecting the thing as a whole," he said. "If prize-money in these races does not match the French, it would be a sad day indeed."

Loder in pursuit of rich Chicago prizes

PETER Davies, trained by David Loder, leaves for the United States today as he tries to win the Arlington Million in Chicago on Sunday.

The five-year-old, rejuvenated since joining Loder's thriving Newmarket stable, flies out with stablemate Lupescu, who contests the fillies' race, the Beverley D.

An outbreak of equine viral arteritis in Illinois has produced a depleted field for the Million, but Peter Davies still has a stiff task, with his opponents including last year's winner Dear Doctor, trained in France by John Hammond.

"Peter Davies is probably about group three standard, but I would be more concerned by horses like Lure and Star Of Cozzene than Dear Doctor. But you are talking about only three horses among a field of no more than nine, and there is prize-money down to fifth place," Loder said yesterday.

Peter Davies, winner of the group one Racing Post Trophy as a two-year-old for Henry Cecil, did not fulfil that promise the following season and then suffered a hairline leg fracture.

But he has returned to form this year, registering two good victories in June and July before running unaccountably badly when favourite for the Schweppes Golden Mile.

He finished eighteenth of the 19 runners at Goodwood, a performance that still puzzles his trainer. "I have no idea what went wrong. He has shown no adverse signs since and he's in great shape now. I couldn't be more pleased with him," he said. Frankie Dettori will ride both.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BAROSSA VALLEY
(3.45 Pontefract)
Next best: Darren Boy
(4.45 Pontefract)

Inchinor primed for Goodwood

By Julian Muscat

ROGER Charlton's Inchinor, a game winner of the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury last time out, heads a cast of 11 five-day acceptors for Saturday's group two Tripleprint Celebration Mile at Goodwood.

Three times winner in group three company, Inchinor faces strong opposition for the £35,000 first prize. Mistle Cat, Gabr and Alflora are all intended runners, while John Gosden, with Emperor Jones and Half Term, and Richard Hannon, who has declared both Port Lucaya and Swing Low, are sure to be represented.

Frankie Dettori, who partnered Inchinor to a narrow defeat of Wolfhound less than two weeks ago, will be in Chicago for the ride on Peter Davies in the Arlington Million, so Charlton will look to either Pat Eddery or Richard Quinn, the latter already twice successful aboard the son of Ahonoora.

"Inchinor seems very well and took that Newbury outing in his stride," the trainer said. "He's never run in a group two race before so this is his chance to prove he is up to it."

A good run will see Inchinor's sights raised if he continues to bounce back from his racing. Future engagements include the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot and a valuable mile race in Washington.

Alhijaz, who finished behind Inchinor in the Sussex Stakes, will probably take his chance if the ground has some give, according to trainer John Dunlop's assistant, Marcus Hosgood. "He's in good shape but a lot will depend on the weather between now and Saturday," he added.

Abbey's Gal, withdrawn from a listed event at Sandown last Friday with a bruised foot, is unlikely to recover in time, while Hannon will assess the strength of Saturday's field before making a final decision on his pair.

Mistle Cat has had the Celebration Mile as his target ever since he broke his maiden at Newbury in May. He has since chased Inchinor home in the Criterion Stakes at Newmarket in June. On that form he has half a length and 7lb to find with Inchinor.

However, Mistle Cat's trainer, Sean Woods, is optimistic. "Inchinor has obviously done well since they met but Mistle Cat has had the quieter build-up," he said.

Inchinor also holds Gabr on their Hungerford Stakes running, while the Clive Brittain-trained Alflora finished two lengths behind Charlton's colt when they were third and fifth in the Sussex Stakes over course and distance.

Goodwood entries

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT CELEBRATION MILE (Group II: £35,330, 1m) (11 five-day acceptors) Abbey's Gal (Trained by I Balding); Alflora (C Brittain), Alhijaz (J Dunlop), Emperor Jones (J Gosden); Gabr (R Armstrong); Half Term (J Gosden), Inchinor (R Charlton), Mistle Cat (S Woods); Port Lucaya (R Hannon); Soiree (B Hills); Swing Low (R Hannon)

Ramsden fined £700

LYNDA Ramsden, the Thirsk trainer, and the jockey, Kieran Fallon, were each fined £700 by the Nottingham stewards over the running of Rafferty's Rules in the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series Stakes won by Yo-Cando yesterday.

The colt, placed in his three career starts, finished tenth, beaten just over five lengths, after being apparently tenderly handled throughout. Starting price reporters on duty noted Rafferty's Rules was almost friendless in the ring, drifting out from 7-2 to 6-1.

Fallon and Mrs Ramsden's representative were interviewed by the stewards, who also heard from the Betting Intelligence Officer and viewed a video of the race. Not satisfied with the explanations, the stewards fined Ramsden and Fallon under rule 151, which relates to non-triers.

The Tom Jones-trained Ajfan, third to Sayyedati and Niche in the 1,000 Guineas in April, belatedly opened her seasonal account when making all in the W J Furse Conditions Stakes to win by 3½ lengths.

Record fourth title in Leng's sights

By Jenny MacArthur

VIRGINIA Leng, who is attempting a record fourth European three-day event title before retiring, heads a new-look British team for the European championships in Achselschwang, Germany, from September 9 to 12.

Charlotte Bathe on The Cool Customer and William Fox-Pitt on Chaka make their debuts in the team which, the selectors hope, will compensate for Britain's dismal sixth place at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last summer.

Mrs Bathe (née Hollingsworth) from Suffolk, earned her place after winning at Burghley last year and finishing ninth at Badminton. Fox-Pitt, 23, has been a regular member of the junior and young riders' team and came into contention for a place in the senior team after finishing eighth at Badminton.

Karen Dixon a member of the Olympic team, is the only rider with championship experience to be selected. Her inclusion in the team is subject to a last run at Ickworth, Suffolk next weekend — Get Smart, her horse, missed the final trial at Thirlestane on Sunday due to a leg injury.

The two individual riders, Helen Bell and Nick Burton, are also having their first championship experience. Leng, in contrast, will be making her eleventh team appearance. The former world champion, 38, won her three European titles in 1985, 87 and 89 but has been absent from the team for the last two years.

BRITISH TEAMS: European championship: Team: The Cool Customer (C Bathe), Welton Houdini (V Leng), W Fox-Pitt (Chaka), Get Smart (K Dixon) Individuals: Troubleshooter (H Bell), Bertie Blunt (N Burton). Reserve: Song and Dance Man (K Gifford)

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Blue Bomber. 2.30 Post Mistress. 3.00 Badawi. 3.30 Cape Pigeon. 4.00 Komplicity. 4.30 Landrail.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F 59YD-6F 209YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 EBF ROTTINGDEAN MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,949: 5f 59yd) (9 runners)

1 0 BASHFUL BRAVE 46 M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 2
2 50 BLUE BOMBER 89 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 7
3 0000 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 13 (B) M Muggeridge 9-0 ... S Raymont 4
4 0000 CRAFTY CRICKETER 19 (B) R Voorspuy 9-0 ... A McGlone 8
5 5 MONIS 32 T Thomson Jones 9-0 ... W Carson 3
6 2 PHONEAHOLIC 8 B Meehan 9-0 ... B Rouse 6
7 5 PRINCE OF GAELS 13 M McCormack 9-0 ... J Reid 1
8 SECRATORIUS B Smart 9-0 ... W Newnes 5
9 0245 SPORTING START 8 M Usher 9-0 ... N Adams 9

11-10 Phoneaholic, 7-4 Blue Bomber, 6-1 Monis, 10-1 Bashful Brave, 12-1 Prince Of Gaels, Sporting Start, 25-1 others.

2.30 QUEEN'S PARK SPA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,243: 5f 59yd) (6)

1 AMAZING NEWS M Camacho 8-11 ... W Carson 5
2 350 BURMA STAR 19 M Blanshard 8-11 ... N Adams 4
3 534 LOVESCAPE 50 M McCormack 8-11 ... J Reid 3
4 0 MAGIC MAGGIE 6 M Channon 8-11 ... W Woods 1
5 POST MISTRESS M Prescott 8-11 ... G Duffield 2
6 00 RAISA POINT 14 P Makin 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 6

9-4 Raisa Point, 3-1 Post Mistress, 4-1 Lovescape, 6-1 Magic Maggie, 7-1 Amazing News, 20-1 Burma Star

3.00 WHITEHAWK APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (7)

1 -500 EVE'S TREASURE 120 R Curtis 9-7 ... B Russell 7
2 0361 BADAWI 11 (B,F) C Allen 9-1 ... G Forster 2
3 0333 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 12J (B,BF) M Heaton-Ellis 9-1 ... P McCabe 5
4 0054 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 17 W Musson 8-12 ... G Faulkner (7) 6
5 0055 SANTA STELLAR 7 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... A Whelan (5) 4
6 0000 SUPPER WITH SUSIE 11 D Wilson 8-4 ... N Varley 3
7 6440 NIGHTMARE LADY 11 R Harris 8-0 ... C Hawksley 1

5-6 Badawi, 5-2 Queens Contractor, 6-1 Chiltern Hundreds, 10-1 Santa Stellar, 12-1 Nightmare Lady, 20-1 Eve's Treasure, 25-1 Supper With Susie.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 3.30 Herora. 4.00 Madame Gregoire. 4.30 Dubai Summer, Ice Rebel.

3.30 QUEEN'S PARK CENTENARY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,817: 6f 209yd) (11).

1 4056 HERORA 29 (B,F,G) N Graham 4-10-0 ... B Raymond 5
2 5060 CALEMAN 19 (D,F) R Boss 4-9-6 ... W Carson 6
3 1203 SILKY SIREN 25 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 4-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 4
4 6460 WAVE HILL 13 (F,G) P Hedger 4-9-3 ... J Reid 8
5 6132 CAPE PIGEON 14 (B,CD,BF,F,S) L Cottrell 8-9-2 ... A Munro 3
6 6216 PRINCE RODNEY 33 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... D O'Neill (7) 1
7 0166 SUPEROO 13 (B,D,F,G) J Sutcliffe 7-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 9
8 2324 NOBBY BARNES 4 (BF,G) D Wilson 4-8-11 ... J Williams 10
9 05-0 ABSO 48 (C,D,F,G) B Millman 5-8-11 ... G Duffield 7
10 4150 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 11 (D,F,G) R Harris 5-7-12 ... C Hawksley (7) 11
11 0000 AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Naughton 6-7-7 NON-RUNNER 2

9-2 Superoo, 11-2 Silky Siren, 7-1 Nobby Barnes, 8-1 Cape Pigeon, Herora, 10-1 Wave Hill, Prince Rodney, 12-1 Nigel's Lucky Girl, 16-1 others.

4.00 ARTHUR KING MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,002: 6f 209yd) (9)

1 2125 NONIOS 25 (C,F) B Meehan 9-7 ... B Doyle (3) 6
2 0250 MAKE THE BREAK 80 R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery 5
3 0610 IMPOSING GROOM 40 (F) J Dunlop 9-2 ... B Raymond 7
4 612 DULFORD LAD 13 (F) B Millman 9-0 ... S Whitworth 3
5 4501 KOMPLICITY 14 (G) Bob Jones 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 1
6 5300 PRINCE DANZIG 10 D Murray Smith 8-8 ... J Reid 8
7 3040 HENRY'S LUCK 12 M Channon 8-5 ... W Woods 9
8 3540 MADAME GREGOIRE 13 (B,F) J Eustace 7-13 ... N Kennedy (3) 4
9 0063 BIEN CUIT 39 S Dow 7-9 ... T Williams 2

4-1 Komplicity, 5-1 Dulford Lad, 6-1 Imposing Groom, 7-1 Madame Gregoire, 8-1 Make The Break, Nonios, 10-1 Bien Cuit, 12-1 others.

4.30 LANCING RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 1f 209yd) (8)

1 040 DUBAI SUMMER 15 (B) M Jarvis 9-0 ... B Raymond 5
2 2404 ICE REBEL 11 (B) Miss B Sanders 9-0 ... W Newnes 7
3 4443 WITHOUT A FLAG 4 C Cyzer 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 8
4 6362 GOLD TASSEL 19 R Hannon 8-9 ... J Reid 1
5 0620 HAZY KAY 14 (B) P Kelleway 8-9 ... Gay Kelleway 3
6 -524 LANDRAIL 57 (BF) B Hills 8-9 ... D Holland 4
7 3303 MARATHIA 38 (V) S Woods 8-9 ... W Woods 6
8 3046 VILLAVINA 10 S Dow 8-9 ... G Duffield 2

9-4 Landrail, 11-4 Gold Tassel, 9-2 Villavina, 13-2 Hazy Kay, 8-1 Dubai Summer, 10-1 Ice Rebel, 12-1 Without A Flag, 16-1 Marathia.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; R Boss, 9 from 29, 31.0%; M Bell, 6 from 23, 26.1%, M Jarvis, 11 from 43, 25.6%; M Prescott, 18 from 73, 24.7%, J Dunlop, 15 from 71, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 46 winners from 188 rides, 24.5%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 93, 22.6%; G Duffield, 21 from 111, 18.9%; D Holland, 9 from 50, 18.0%; A Munro, 18 from 102, 17.6%, M Hills, 5 from 29, 17.2%

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good, good to soft back straight

2.15 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, TIGER CLAW (A McGlone, 10-1); 2, Kathy Fair (B Russell, 9-1); 3, Gott's Desire (T Quinn, 25-1). 4, Not Yet (J Quinn, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 4 fav Every One A Gem, 8 Galejade, 10 Pipers Reel, 11 Slumber Thyme, 12 Young Jason (6th), 14 Billyback, Mexican Dancer, Bronze Runner, Gesnera, 16 Roly Wallace, Marzocco, 20 Dancing Boat, Danseuse Francaise, 25 Red Sombrero, 33 Cannonale, Pimsboy (5th), 50 Wrets, 66 Thrill. 22 ran. NR: Junction Twentytwo. 1l, 1l, ½l, 2l, 4l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £10.80; £2.00, £5.20, £11.70, £2.10. DF: £457.20. CSF: £103.06. Tricast: £2,077.67. No bid.

2.45 (1m 54yd) 1, AJFAN (R Hills, 13-8 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, El Duco (Pat Eddery, 10-3); 3, Planetary Aspect (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Darbonne (5th), 14 Cropton (4th), 33 Green's Bid (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 5l, 6l, 7l, 12l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.99.

3.15 (6f 15yd) 1, YO-CANDO (L Newton, 6-1); 2, Lime Street Blues (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 3, A Million Watts (G Duffield, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Venus Victorious (4th), 6 Rafferty's Rules, 8 Sommersby, Sedimentary, 14 Petitjean, 16 Red Dancer, 20 Vlaminck, 25 Viceroy Ruler, Will Glow, Vax It, 33 Uncle Doug, La Residence (5th), 50 Cadeaux Premiere, Mister O'Grady, Kenilworth Ford, Kid Ory (6th). 19 ran. NR: Galaxy Rain. Nk, 2l, sh hd, ¾l, 1½l. D Cosgrove at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £2.20, £2.40, £2.90. DF: £257.70. CSF: £41.52

3.45 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, KADASTROF (T Quinn, 16-1); 2, High Summer (L Dettori, 11-4 fav); 3, Ela Billante (P Robinson, 12-1); 4, Brodessa (M Birch, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Call The Guv'nor, 7 Alqairawaan, 9 Taroudant, 10 Iota, Westfield Moves, 11 Sword Master, 12 Salu (6th), 14 Karamoja, 20 Samain, White River (5th), 25 Soloman Springs, 50 Sadler's Way, 66 Victor Romeo. 17 ran. NR: French Ivy. 3½l, 1l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l. R Dickin at Newent. Tote: £18.70; £4.50, £1.40, £3.80, £4.90. DF: £168.00. Trio: £1,242.70. CSF: £63.95. Tricast: £550.65.

4.15 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, MAMARA REEF (R Cochrane, 7-2; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Araadh (R Hills, 2-1 fav); 3, Big Pat (J Tate, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Aslan (4th), 8 Rousitto (6th), 11 Madagans Grey, 16 Monazite, 33 Hopeful Prospect (5th). 8 ran. 2l, 7l, 6l, 6l, 10l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £1.10, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.79.

4.45 (1m 54yd) 1, QUANTITY SURVEYOR (G Duffield, 10-1); 2, Exclusion (W Newnes, 12-1); 3, Leave It To Lib (J Tate, 12-1); 4, Premier Star (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Mbulwa, 8 Avishayes, 12 Miss Crusty, Sabo's Express, 14 Sir Arthur Hobbs, Coltax Classic, Mustahil (6th), 20 Eternal Flame, Elegant Friend, Wild Prospect, Legal Risk (5th), 25 Aviator's Dream, 33 Madam Caprice, Hawaii Storm, Noel. 19 ran. NR: Green Chili. Nk, hd, sh hd, 1½l, sh hd. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £7.60; £1.60, £6.60, £4.50, £1.10. DF: £33.90. CSF: £127.81. Tricast: £1,358.69.

Placepot: £254.50.

Hexham

Going: firm, good to firm in places

2.00 (3m hdle) 1, TRUMPET (M A Fitzgerald, 6-1); 2, Over The Stream (C Grant, 5-2); 3, Trooper Thorn (R Dunwoody, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Stingray City (5th), 9-2 Dauntless Knight, 11-2 Silvercross Lad (6th), 25 Wayward Edward, True Dilemma (4th). 8 ran. 6l, 7l, 1l, 6l, 3l. J O'Shea at Henley in Arden. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £8.30. CSF: £22.22

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, WANZA (C Grant, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, On Golden Pond (N Bentley, 12-1); 3, Principal Player (A Dobbin, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Roscommon Joe, Nomadic Fire (4th), 7 Duke Of Dreams (6th), 25 Summers Dream (ur), Walsham Witch, 33 Magic Fan, Contrac Countess, Summer Flower (5th) 11 ran. 3½l, 3l, 2l, 6l, 2l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £29.80. CSF: £37.65.

3.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, KILLULA CHIEF (M Dwyer, 4-5 fav); 2, Keep Sharp (L Wyer, 7-2); 3, Virginia's Bay (A Orkney, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 West With The Wind (ur), 12 Dizzy Dealer (5th), 14 Ebomeezer's Dream (4th). 6 ran. 3l, dist, 6l, 8l. J O'Shea at Henley in Arden. Tote: £1.50; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.19

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, RUN MILADY (D Wilkinson, 6-1); 2, Stane Street (J Railton, 8-1); 3, Jubilata (C Dennis, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Whatcomesnaturally (6th), 11-2 Green's Seago (5th), 6 Spanish Whisper, London Express, 8 Shayna Maidel, 9 Stroked Again, 20 Alamir (4th), Swank Gilbert. 11 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, 20l, 8l. Mrs S Austin at Malton. Tote: £7.80; £4.20, £1.30, £4.00. DF: £17.50. CSF: £42.26. Tricast: £329.97.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, TOUCHING STAR (M Hourigan, 3-1); 2, Absailor (P Williams, 11-2); 3, Palmrush (C Grant, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Miami Bear (4th), 50 Mr Panache (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 8l, dist. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £4.10; £2.90, £4.10. DF: £11.60. CSF: £16.60.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, WEE WIZARD (A Dobbin, 5-1); 2, Azureus (P Niven, Evens fav); 3, Casual Pass (T Reed, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Chief Raider, 10 Red Jam Jar (6th), 12 Ballyanto (4th), 14 Talaton Flyer (pu), 20 Arctic Oats (5th), 50 Lochndorn (pu). 9 ran. 3l, 4l, 2l, 3l, 1½l. M Barnes at Penrith. Tote: £7.30; £2.30, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £7.20. CSF: £10.68. Tricast: £30.13. Placepot: £168.30.

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THUNDERER
2.45 Strip Cartoon. 3.15 Vanroy. 3.45 Brierley. 4.15 Jack Button. 4.45 DARREN BOY (nap). 5.15 Causley.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 OVERBURY (nap). 4.15 Kaiser Wilhelm. 5.15 Mutakallam.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 DARREN BOY.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 YORK & WESTMINSTER APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(Round IV: £2,574: 6f) (18 runners)

1 (17) 332032 SOBERING THOUGHTS 10 (CD,F,G) (W Solomon) J Eyre 7-10-0 ... L Aspell (5) 90
2 (9) 420466 BLUE GRIT 31 (CD,F,G,S) (C Wilson) M Dods 7-9-10 ... V Halliday 92
3 (2) 004206 RICKY'S TORNADO 19 (J Parkes) J Parkes 4-9-5 ... S Copp (5) 95
4 (11) 350330 STATE FLYER 49 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs P Flowers) G Oldroyd 5-9-4 ... D Wright 88
5 (10) 035136 STRIP CARTOON 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 5-9-2 ... G Strange (3) 89
6 (5) 050543 INVIGILATE 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Pratt) M Wane 4-9-2 ... D Thomas (5) 95
7 (18) 261522 FORTIS PAVIOR 17 (D,F) (D Gill) R Whitaker 3-9-2 ... G Parkin 92
8 (12) 106820 LIDA'S DELIGHT 13 (F) (Patrington Leisure Park) M W Easterby 3-9-1 ... P Johnson (3) 94
9 (13) 251500 KARINSKA 42 (G) (G Whiting) M Chapman 3-8-13 ... D McCabe [top rating]
10 (14) 516822 MU-ARRIK 21 (D,F) (M Borrowes) G Beasley 5-8-13 ... J Tate 94
11 (16) 036040 WELLSY LAD 11 (D,G,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 6-8-12 ... S Knott (5) 88
12 (6) 025135 MAGICATION 38 (CD,F) (Mrs S Allen) J Balding 3-8-9 ... Claire Balding 92
13 (15) 040100 SHANNON EXPRESS 11 (F,G,S) (R Cottam) E Alston 5-8-5 ... W Hawksley (7) 93
14 (7) 000450 NILU 20 (D,G) (S Mohamed) B McMahon 5-8-4 ... J Bramhill (5) —
15 (1) 5-04060 COUNTERCHECK 11 (C Hughes) C Wall 4-8-1 ... S Mulvey 93
16 (8) 000/02-0 KILTROUM 6 (A Black) C Tinkler 4-8-0 ... Mark Denaro —
17 (3) 0-05000 HENBURY HALL 13 (G) (A Gaona) M Barraclough 5-7-11 ... M Baird (5) 97
18 (4) 00000-0 ALL THE GIRLS 173 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-7-9 ... F Savage (7) —

BETTING: 6-1 Mu-Arrik, 7-1 Invigilate, Sobering Thoughts, 8-1 Fortis Pavior, Strip Cartoon, 10-1 Blue Grit, Kiltroum, 12-1 Magication, Ricky's Tornado, 14-1 Countercheck, Shannon Express. 16-1 others

1992: BALLASECRET 4-10-0 D Meredith (7-1) R Dickin 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOBERING THOUGHTS ½l 2nd of 15 to Asterix in apprentice riders' handicap at Ripon (6f, good). BLUE GRIT best recent effort when about 2¾l 4th of 10 to Formidable Liz in handicap over course and distance (firm), with STATE FLYER (2lb worse off) 6¾l 8th.
STRIP CARTOON 2l 3rd of 7 to Sakharov in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. INVIGILATE 3l 3rd of 10 to Coltax Classic in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f). FORTIS PAVIOR 3l 2nd of 11 to Obsidian Grey in seller at Redcar (7f, good to soft).
LIDA'S DELIGHT 2½l 2nd of 6 to Trevorsninepoints in conditions race at Redcar (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MU-ARRIK 1l 2nd of 14 to Pusey Street Boy in amateur riders' handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm).
Selection: BLUE GRIT (nap)

3.15 TIMEFORM CARD SELLING STAKES
(£2,364: 1m 2f 6yd) (12 runners)

1 (10) 0600-00 GOLDEN ANCONA 15 (C,G,S) (The Racing Telegraph) M Brittain 10-9-7 ... M Wigham 57
2 (3) 3110-00 METTERNICH 63 (G,S) (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-9-7 ... S Mulvey (7) 75
3 (5) 132110 OVERPOWER 6 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-9-7 ... P Robinson 97
4 (9) 0-55302 VANROY 36 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (J Long) J Jenkins 9-9-7 ... L Dettori [top rating]
5 (1) 003441 ESSAYEFFSEE 32 (D,F) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 ... K Darley 86
6 (6) 531-000 JOSEPH'S WINE 64 (F,G) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 4-9-0 ... H Bastiman (7) 74
7 (2) 00-0145 OLICANA 26 (F) (J Buzzeo) M Hammond 3-8-13 ... J Marshall (5) 91
8 (4) ROMANTIC MOOD (Mrs V McGeough) J Wharton 4-8-9 ... J Quinn —
9 (7) 313262 ANN HILL 21 (C,D,F,G) (A Hill) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 ... W Ryan 96
10 (8) 0-6 MY LINDIANNE 38 (B Sale) J Dooler 6-8-4 ... J Fanning 82
11 (12) 00/0-66 WAWEEWAWOO 18 (Metropolitan Properties) D Moffatt 5-8-4 ... Darren Moffatt (5) —
12 (11) 0-55040 INOVAR 14 (Innovative Marketing Int'l) C Booth 3-8-1 ... G Hind 92

BETTING: 5-2 Vanroy, 3-1 Essayeffsee, 4-1 Ann Hill, Overpower, 10-1 Metternich, 12-1 Olicana, 15-1 Joseph's Wine, 25-1 Golden Ancona, 33-1 others.

1992: KAGRAM QUEEN 4-8-9 K Darley (9-2) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

OVERPOWER beat Barahin neck in 5-runner seller at Brighton (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. VANROY 2½l 2nd to Merlin's Wish in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). ESSAYEFFSEE beat My Ballyboy 1l in 3-runner seller at Ayr (1m 2f, good to firm). OLICANA 3½l 4th to White Creek in claimer at Carlisle (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ANN HILL 2l 2nd to Side Bar in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: VANROY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	7	16	43.8	T Quinn	6	19	31.6
H Cecil	14	33	42.4	L Dettori	14	69	20.3
G Harwood	7	20	35.0	R Cochrane	11	58	19.0
Lord Huntingdon	5	16	31.3	R Hills	10	53	18.9
P Chapple-Hyam	3	12	25.0	A Clark	3	16	18.8
M Dods	3	13	23.1	W Ryan	14	80	17.5

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 TIMEFORM FUTURITY CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,230: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (3) 12 BAROSSA VALLEY 12 (D,BF,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-1 ... R Cochrane [top rating]
2 (8) 251230 OCHOS RIOS 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Burn) B Rothwell 9-1 ... J Quinn 89
3 (7) 31 FRIENDLY CHAMP 6 (D,F) (Dr M Yeh) R Armstrong 8-11 ... R Price 93
4 (5) 4 OVERBURY 25 (Shaikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11 ... L Dettori 88
5 (2) 5 PLEASURE TRICK 60 (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 8-11 ... K Darley 69
6 (1) 5 PRINCE OF ANITA 12 (Mrs A Quinn) B Palling 8-11 ... W Ryan 80
7 (4) 54210 NORDICO PRINCESS 18 (D,G) (J Sianem) R Hollinshead 8-10 ... S Perks 86
8 (6) 201 BRIERLEY 17 (D,F) (Mrs G Forbes) B Smart 8-6 ... T Quinn 92

BETTING: 6-4 Barossa Valley, 5-2 Overbury, 9-2 Brierley, 5-1 Friendly Champ, 12-1 Nordico Princess, 14-1 Prince Of Anita, 16-1 Ochos Rios, 20-1 Pleasure Trick.

1992: NOMINATOR 9-3 W Ryan (7-4) R Hollinshead 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAROSSA VALLEY 1½l 2nd of 3 to Star Talent in conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good). OCHOS RIOS best recent effort when 2l 2nd of 9 to Pete Afrique in conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to firm). FRIENDLY CHAMP beat Amdilly ¾l in 22-runner maiden-auction at Kempton (6f, good to firm). OVERBURY 6l 4th of 17 to Concordial in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). PLEASURE TRICK 12l 5th of 13 to Mister Baileys in maiden at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). PRINCE OF ANITA 5l 5th of 18 to Lady-Bo-K in maiden auction at Salisbury (6f, good). NORDICO PRINCESS beat Lunar Mission short-head in maiden at Southwell (6f, good). BRIERLEY beat Rajmapata 2l in 15-runner maiden-auction at Lingfield (6f, good to firm)
Selection: BAROSSA VALLEY

4.15 PHIL BULL TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,355: 2m 1f 216yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 123266 JACK BUTTON 11 (F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-11 ... N Day 95
2 (6) 123023 KAISER WILHELM 11 (G) (C Wacker III) H Cecil 4-9-5 ... W Ryan [top rating]
3 (1) 100-150 ENCORE UNE FOIS 6 (F,G,S) (S & G Gutters) M Johnston 4-9-2 ... T Quinn 92
4 (3) 3-10121 GREY POWER 19 (C,F,G,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-0 ... K Darley 93
5 (2) 603014 MISS PLUM 27 (D,BF,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 98
6 (5) 0/ CHAPELSTREET BLUES 826 (C Moore) J Eyre 6-8-12 ... O Pears (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Jack Button, 3-1 Kaiser Wilhelm, 7-2 Miss Plum, Grey Power, 5-1 Encore Une Fois, 50-1 Chapelstreet Blues.

1992: FARSI 4-9-3 W Ryan (8-11 fav) R Hollinshead 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

KAISER WILHELM 1l 3rd of 8 to Bold Resolution in handicap at Newbury (2m, good), with JACK BUTTON (2lb better off) about 1¾l 5th. ENCORE UNE FOIS best recent effort when beating KAISER WILHELM (1lb better off) 1l in 9-runner handicap at Thirsk (2m, soft). GREY POWER beat Contract Elite 6l in handicap here (1m 4f, soft). MISS PLUM beat Our Aisling 2l in 5-runner handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: JACK BUTTON

4.45 TIMEFORM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,425: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (5) 152 DARREN BOY 8 (D,F) (D Allport) P Cole 9-7 ... T Quinn [top rating]
2 (4) 10 SIGANCA 29 (S) (Mrs B Long) M Bell 9-1 ... M Fenton (3) —
3 (7) 222121 PALACEGATE JO 10 (D,G) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 91
4 (2) 455210 CULSYTH FLYER 24 (CD,F,S) (W Cully) R Hollinshead 8-12 ... W Ryan 91
5 (1) 43211 BENEFICIARY 18 (D,F,S) (R Griffin) M H Easterby 8-10 ... M Birch —
6 (3) 4050 DOUBLE SIXTEEN 14 (Mrs D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 7-13 ... S Maloney (3) 93
7 (6) 040 DANTE'S RUBICON 28 (The Dante Partnership) J Bethell 7-8 ... D Wright (5) 96

BETTING: 7-4 Darren Boy, 7-2 Beneficiary, 5-1 Palacegate Jo, 7-1 Double Sixteen, 8-1 Culsyth Flyer, 10-1 Siganca, 12-1 Dante's Rubicon.

1992: KISS IN THE DARK 7-10 J Fanning (16-1) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARREN BOY short-head 2nd of 14 to Major Success in nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). SIGANCA beat King Rat 2l in 6-runner maiden auction at Hamilton (5f, soft) on penultimate start. PALACEGATE JO beat Leap Of Faith 2l in 8-runner claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f). CULSYTH FLYER beat Surprise Breeze 2l in 12-runner claimer over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. BENEFICIARY beat Marble 3½l in 9-runner seller at Redcar (6f, good to soft). DOUBLE SIXTEEN 4¾l 7th of 10 to Jimmy The Skunk in handicap at Catterick (6f, good).
Selection: CULSYTH FLYER

5.15 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE AND RATINGS HANDICAP
(£3,289: 1m 4yd) (12 runners)

1 (5) 0-04603 PRENONAMOSS 10 (V,F) (Mrs W Dram) D Arbuthnot 5-10-0 ... S D Williams (3) [top rating]
2 (2) 253224 CAUSLEY 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 8-9-10 ... T Quinn 97
3 (3) 60-4 NORTHERN BRED 19 (Lord White of Hull) L Cumani 3-9-6 ... R Cochrane 88
4 (7) 212341 PRIDE OF PENDLE 10 (CD,F,G,S) (W Imison) P Calver 4-9-4 ... K Darley 98
5 (10) 6550-05 GROUND NUT 85 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 3-9-1 ... S Dawson 84
6 (9) 403-315 MUTAKALLAM 52 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0 ... R Hills 94
7 (12) 3-60046 REGAL AURA 19 (V,F) (Skyraiders Racing) G Harwood 3-8-12 ... A Clark 96
8 (6) 150400 HABETA 10 (D,F,G) (R Bickenson) J Watts 7-8-10 ... W Ryan 95
9 (11) 0-53150 MYSILV 10 (D,S) (J Fisher) C Wall 3-8-9 ... P Robinson 90
10 (1) 0012-0 POLEDEN 23 (G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 3-8-8 ... A Mackay —
11 (8) 03-1333 KRYPTOS 21 (G) (H de Kwiatkowski) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6 ... L Dettori 90
12 (4) 162544 MEDIA MESSENGER 8 (S) (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 4-8-4 ... K Fallon 94

BETTING: 4-1 Northern Bred, 5-1 Pride Of Pendle, 11-2 Prenonamoss, 6-1 Causley, Kryptos, 10-1 Regal Aura, 12-1 Ground Nut, Habeta, 14-1 Media Messenger, 16-1 others.

1992: TAHITIAN 3-8-2 D Holland (8-1) Mrs J Ramsden 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAUSLEY 2¾l 2nd of 13 to Sooty Tern in handicap at Thirsk (1m, 6m) on penultimate start, with PRIDE OF PENDLE (3lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. PRIDE OF PENDLE beat High Low neck in 18-runner handicap at Ripon (1m, good), with PRENONAMOSS (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd. HABETA (5lb better off) about 6l 7th and MYSILV (4lb better off) over 17l 18th. MUTAKALLAM beat Alta Victoria 2l in maiden at Beverley (1m 100yd, firm) on penultimate start. POLEDEN 2l 2nd of 7 to Mister Blake in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. KRYPTOS 1½l 3rd of 8 to Misty-S in conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). MEDIA MESSENGER 5¾l 4th of 7 to Talented Ting in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good).
Selection: PRENONAMOSS

O'Shea lands first double

JOHN O'Shea's 520-mile round trip to Hexham from his Welford-on-Avon base paid off as he landed the first double of his career yesterday.

Trumpet, bred and formerly owned by the Queen, provided the first leg when winning the three-mile Methven House Novices Hurdle. Killula Chief followed up in the St George's Novices Chase, making up six lengths on Keep Sharp from the turn to lead 100 yards out.

☐ Noel Wilson, the amateur jump jockey, has been told by doctors that he will be out of action for up to three months. Wilson, 26, received compound fractures of both the tibia and fibula while exercising a young horse at the end of July.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 kick-off unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Arsenal v Leeds (7.45)
Manchester City v Blackburn (7.45)
Oldham v Coventry
Sheffield Utd v Wimbledon (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Charlton v Tranmere (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Nottm Forest (7.45)
Grimsby v Portsmouth (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup
First round, second leg
First-leg scores in brackets
Barnet (2) v Southend (0) (7.45, all ticket)
Blackpool (1) v Doncaster (0)
Bristol City (1) v Swansea (0) (7.45)
Bury (2) v Bolton (0)
Cardiff (1) v Bournemouth (3)
Carlisle (1) v Chesterfield (3)
Chester (1) v Sunderland (3)
Colchester (1) v Fulham (2) (7.45)
Hartlepool (1) v Stockport (1)
Hull (0) v Notts County (2)
Lincoln (2) v Port Vale (2)
Luton (0) v Cambridge Utd (1) (7.45)
Mansfield (2) v Stoke (2)
Plymouth (0) v Birmingham (3) (7.45)
Rotherham (1) v Wigan (0)
Scarborough (0) v Huddersfield (0)
Scunthorpe (0) v Shrewsbury (1)
Torquay (2) v Hereford (0)
Watford (2) v Brentford (2) (7.45)
Wrexham (1) v Crewe (0)
Wycombe (2) v Leyton O (0) (7.45)
York (0) v Rochdale (2)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Stalybridge
Macclesfield v Bromsgrove
Merthyr v Bath
Runcorn v Telford (7.45)
Slough v Dover
Southport v Halifax
Stafford v Northwich
Witton v Gateshead
Woking v Welling (7.45)
Yeovil v Dagenham and R (7.45)

Scottish League Cup
Third round
Aberdeen v Motherwell
Dunfermline v Rangers
Hibernian v Dundee
Morton v Partick
St Mirren v Dundee Utd

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Sutton Utd (7.30, at Dulwich Hamlet FC); Enfield v Dorking, Hayes v Harrow; Hendon v Basingstoke; Kingstonian v Carshalton; Marlow v St Albans, Wokingham v Hitchin.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Horwich; Buxton v Winsford; Chorley v Fleetwood; Colwyn Bay v Marine; Droylsden v Knowsley Utd, Matlock v Leek. First division: Goole v Spennymoor; Harrogate v Farsley Celtic, Mossley v Bamber Bridge; Radcliffe Borough v Curzon Ashton; Workington v Netherfield.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough v Crawley Town, Gloucester v Burton; Gresley Rovers v Cambridge City; Halesowen v Cheltenham (7.45), Hastings v Bashley; Moor Green v Worcester; Nuneaton v Solihull; Trowbridge v Dorchester; Waterlooville v Sittingbourne (7.45)

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v St Helens; Bootle v Clitheroe; Burscough v Eastwood Hanley, Flixton v Bradford Park Avenue, Prescot v Skelmersdale, Salford v Glossop NE.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth v Elmore, Paulton v Bristol Manor Farm; Westbury v Mangotsfield.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Glasshoughton Welfare v Ashfield Utd; Maltby MW v Eccleshill, Ossett Albion v Brigg, Thackley v Armthorpe Welfare.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Newcastle (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Arena Essex v Bradford (8.0).

Essex call off chase as Walsh applies restraint

BY IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL (final day of four): Gloucestershire (7pts) drew with Essex (5)

A YEAR ago, Essex would have viewed making 325 in a day against the likes of Gloucestershire as almost a piffling exercise. There was no life in the pitch, nor, in the morning, in their opponents' bowling. Yet they managed to do no more than draw the match, which says much about why they will not be county champions again this season.

Essex batted soundly enough in the first two sessions. At tea they needed 155 from 35 overs, eight wickets in hand. It was the sort of target that, in the past, Graham Gooch and Ken McEwan would have reached without concerning themselves with taking short singles. Here, though, four of their upper order were not capped and, besides, Gloucestershire are no longer the soft touch they were a few weeks ago.

The most correct batting of the innings came from Robinson, 20, an opener from Braintree in his second match. He put on 64 with the left-handed Knight, who was eventually stumped through over-balancing when using his feet to Davies, and 76 with Lewis, who can never be said to give his wicket away.

Little troubled Robinson until Walsh, sensing in mid-afternoon that the only bowler who could turn the match on this unresponsive pitch was himself, had him taken at short-leg fending for dear life.

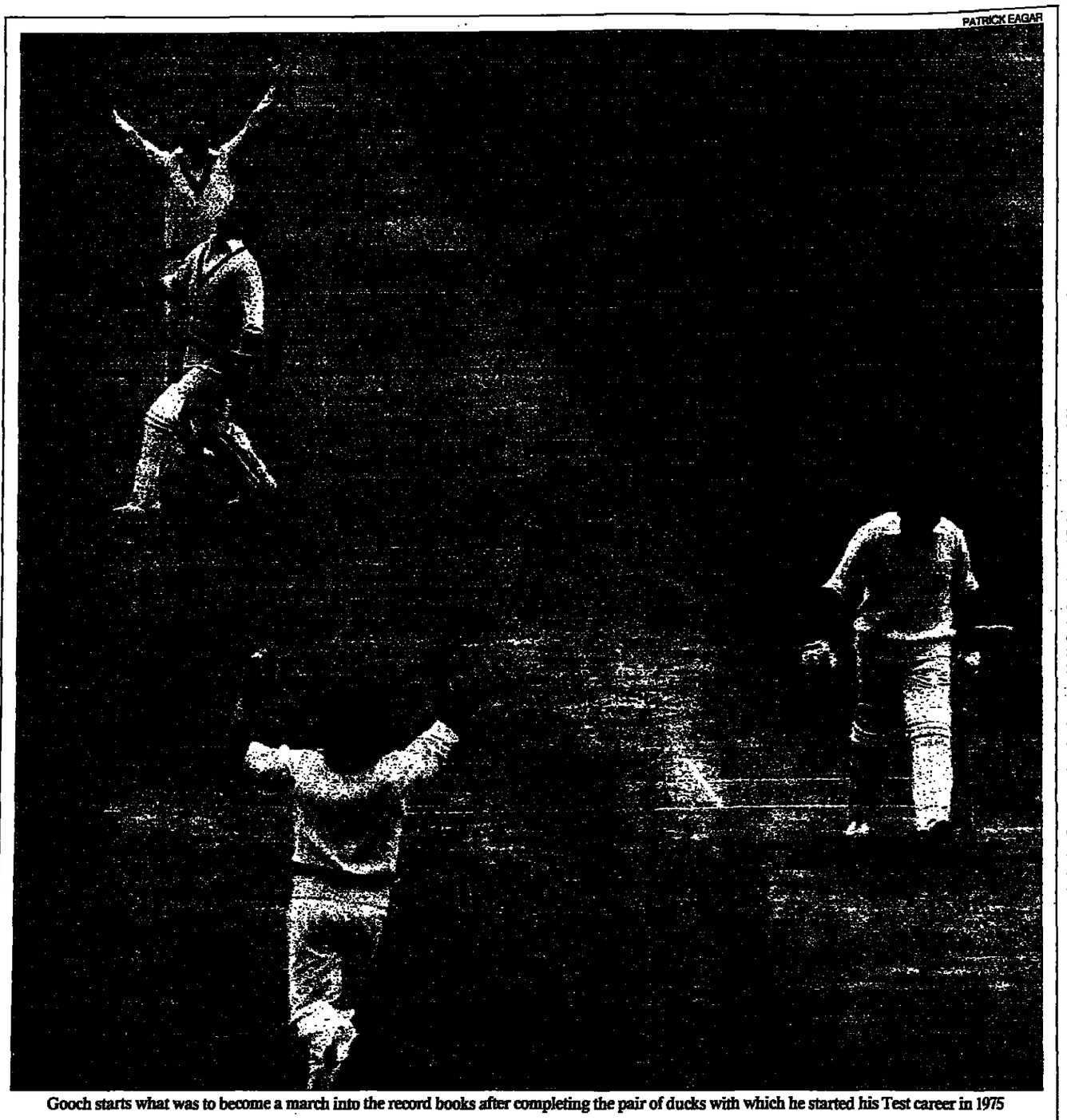
Robinson is not the first young batsman to find that facing West Indian fast bowlers, who rarely offer anything of drivable length, is an alien game to what goes on in second XI cricket.

He had made 67 in a little more than three hours, square-driving to considerable effect, and, given the support he received from Knight and Lewis, Essex really should have won. Yet that spell by Gloucestershire's captain invigorated Cooper who, consummate professional that he is, not only kept a niggardly line but had Lewis caught just behind square and bowled Salim Malik off the inside edge and his pads.

Next, Walsh had Shahid taken at the wicket down the leg side. Even then, 118 off the last 20 overs was eminently feasible. Pritchard recovered after having had a viral infection for much of the match, was still there — he was dropped before scoring at mid-on off Babington — as was Garnham, once Gloucestershire's wicketkeeper, and Pringle was still to come.

Whether it was the fact that Gooch and Hussain were not there to win the match for them, or merely that they have had a far worse season than they can have imagined, Essex were not suffused with confidence. Prichard opted to fall back on defence and, although Walsh even gave himself an over or two of quickish off spin, Gloucestershire could make no further inroads.

PATRICK EAGAR



Gooch starts what was to become a march into the record books after completing the pair of ducks with which he started his Test career in 1975

Leader who ended top of the class



Simon Barnes writes in praise of Graham Gooch, England captain and master of the art of batting

It is very easy to get a sense of historical perspective in sport. You simply go back about 12 months. That was when England were one of the best cricket teams in the world, and Graham Gooch was celebrated as the captain who had turned the tide of defeatism. Time passes: but in sport it passes with the crash and roar of an InterCity 125.

Yesterday Gooch's Test match season ended, after resigning the captaincy two matches ago. He is still unlikely to tour the Caribbean this winter. Gooch, then, is stepping aside from international cricket — I hope only temporarily — and he does so a little diminished in stature. Many questions have been asked about his leadership, and his team was reduced to a national laughing stock.

Gooch himself has escaped the Cap'n Cock-up jibes that followed some his predecessors, mainly because his personal performances have been stunning. But his captaincy period, inextricably linked with Ted Dexter, goes into the ledger of public memory as a failure.

He is seen as a football type who could not hack it, in terms of leadership, at the very highest level, when the going was truly tough and the opposition really excellent. I would like to redress this. Gooch's spell in charge has been a great success.

True, a losing sequence of seven defeats in last eight Tests takes a bit of laughing off. But let us throw a little historical perspective into the business. Twelve months back, his England side were involved in a neck-and-neck series with Pakistan, in the end decided by the genius of the Pakistan strike bowlers. Perhaps the whingeing that followed this had something to do with the rising tide of defeatism that followed.

Gooch also recorded series wins against New Zealand (twice) and India. But to take the measure of a modern Test cricketer, what counts is his performance against West Indies. Since the four-fast-bowler era began, only one England captain has a winning record against West Indies — Graham Gooch.

His personal count is 3-2. England lost the 1989-90 series in the Caribbean 2-1 — largely because Gooch was out injured for the two defeats. He also led England in the pulsating 2-2 series in 1991: a series that produced one of the great England innings of modern times: 154 from Gooch at Headingley.

He replaced the mood of intermittently-inspired dilettantism that stemmed from Botham and to a lesser extent, Gower, and replaced it with hard-working professionalism. This at times veered towards self-parody, but the sense of added purpose it gave to the England side showed, in particular, against West Indies.

One is left wondering what went wrong, and why. True, there was the dreadfully mismanaged winter in Australia in 1990-1, the Biggles tour, in which Gooch terminally lost faith with Gower. That might once have been regarded as no more than a blip on the screen.

It is the recent period of decline that truly mystifies: the 3-0 defeat in India, and the trouncing in this Ashes summer. The period coincides with the replacement of Micky Stewart with Keith Fletcher as manager. With Stewart, Gooch was, perhaps, the dominant partner, certainly an equal. With Fletcher, Gooch's Essex mentor for 25 years, the balance had changed. Perhaps with Fletcher, Gooch was less than himself: no longer a leader but a follower, no longer an officer but a faithful sergeant.

But perhaps his time has come, anyway: longevity is as hard to find in sport as historical perspective. Like everybody else, Gooch suffers from the limitations of his virtues. His preference has always been for players who are, in Kipling's phrase, "first-class of the second class ... the very best type of second class".

He has preferred very good players who were all they possibly could be, to players with higher gifts. He prefers the Stewarts of this world to the Gowers, the Suches to the Tufnells, setting his face against the notion that there is a place for both types in a cricket team. For a while, the policy worked well for him: it now stands exposed as a long-term strategy.

The irony is that Gooch is not first-class of the second class himself. He is indisputably top-rate. He is not as fluent a batsman as Gower, but lacks his flightiness: he is not as destructive as Richards, but lacks his self-destructive streak. Gooch is a master of attack and of defence, a batsman for all seasons. Of all current players he is still the one to score a century for your life.

There is something of the throwback in Gooch. I think it is the white helmet and the moustache. He takes me back to the film *Zulu*; he looks like a moustachioed pith-helmeted soldier about to win his VC at Rorke's Drift. He is the most successful England captain since Mike Brearley — but Brearley needed someone else to work miracles for him. Gooch had to do it himself.

Marshall traps Richards at vital moment

BY JACK BAILEY

SWANSEA (final day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by 98 runs

GLAMORGAN gave it all they had. Right down to the last bat-swinging player they kept on going for a win that had appeared to be a pipedream from the moment Nicholas declared Hampshire's innings shortly before lunch yesterday.

He asked Glamorgan to score 326 runs to win from 76 overs. The pitch was still slow, but from the pavilion end the odd ball turned and lifted unpredictably for Shaun Udal, who eventually benefited by taking five for 75. At the other end, Marshall produced one devastating burst that ripped the heart from Glamorgan's batting.

In terms of their championship aspirations Glamorgan had nothing to lose and there were times when, with luck and one really exceptional innings, they might just have turned the trick. Morris, yet again, led from the front.

David Hemp, a left-hander like Morris, also prospered, carrying on after Morris had become Udal's first victim, having made 60 in just over two hours and having formed with Dale a precarious platform for Glamorgan's assault.

Matters had slipped some way, though, by the time Hemp got into his stride. Cottey had wandered and been stumped; Dale was well caught at backward short-leg. From 110 for one Glamorgan had reached 171 for four when Viv Richards, playing his last game at Swansea, joined Hemp, who was now under full sail and nearing his half-century.

Normally, the stage would have been set for some vintage Richards. Hemp and Dale had just made 60 runs from only 12 overs and although Glamorgan still needed 152 and the overs were running out, a masterly innings from Richards in circumstances such as these was expected, if not demanded. But Richards was suffering from a chest infection, had not taken the field in the morning and doubts about his ability to work the usual magic were well founded.

He had played only two balls when Marshall bowled wide and short. Richards went for the cut. Marshall let out a wail like a banshee and, almost unbelievably, Richards was out, caught off the bottom edge by Aymes, who seems to become better with each game.

By now, Marshall, at half pace at the beginning of Glamorgan's innings, had worked up a head of steam. The wicket of Richards was just the spur he needed. The wickets of Croft, bowled off his pads and Metson, leg-before, followed in consecutive overs. Hemp had reached a fine half-century from only 61 balls, but he, too, left soon afterwards, the first of two victims for Udal in the same over and Hampshire were now within sight of their fourth championship win of the season, all of them oddly registered away from home.

Robinso strikes to secure win for Yorkshire

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

YORKSHIRE were indebted to their fast bowler, Mark Robinson, for their victory yesterday at Old Trafford in one of the best-contested Roses matches of recent years.

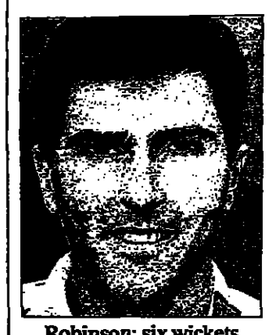
Lancashire, in pursuit of a fourth-innings target of 334, which would have been a record for the fixture had they achieved it, fell 19 runs short, with Robinson taking six for 62.

Lancashire's fifth defeat in six matches saw them slip below Yorkshire in the table, but they emerged with credit from their bold effort. Wasim Akram was particulary unfortunate to finish on the losing side in a match in which he took 12 wickets.

Robinson put Yorkshire on top by removing John Crawley and Nick Speak before lunch, but his most valuable wicket might well have been that of Wasim when he had reached 39 and looked capable of snatching the game out of the fire.

Worcestershire, seventeenth last season, continued their climb by beating Kent by an innings and 130 runs at New Road, their sixth victory of the campaign.

Richard Illingworth, on his thirtieth birthday, ended as the most successful bowler with four for 68 as Kent were bowled out for 249 soon after



Robinson: six wickets

lunch. "If we can manage another couple of wins we can get amongst the prize-money," Tim Curtis, the Worcestershire captain, said. "But what has pleased me more than anything is the standard of cricket we have played."

Despite the loss of 16 overs to rain and some stubborn resistance from injury-hit Warwickshire, Durham climbed off the bottom of the table with a nine-wicket win at Darlington. Wayne Larkins scored an unbeaten 113, which included 17 fours and a six, to see them home with 4.3 overs to spare. Larkins, who went from 50 to 100 in 44 balls, shared a first-wicket partnership of 202 with Graeme Fowler (72).

Warwickshire, who had resumed at 226 for five, added a further 50 before losing four wickets for 33 runs to the new ball. Anderson Cummins finished with five for 83.

☐ Pubudu Dasanayake, a wicketkeeper, and Upal Chandana, a leg spinner, are likely to make their debuts for Sri Lanka in the first Test against South Africa, starting tomorrow at Moratuwa.

Boardman bows out as amateur

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Boardman, the world one-hour record-holder and winner of the bronze medal in the 4,000 metres pursuit, will have his last ride as an amateur in Oslo tomorrow when he leads Britain's road squad in the 100km team time-trial at the world championships.

Boardman, 24, the Olympic track pursuit champion, confirmed that he has signed a letter of intent to join the French team, Gan, sponsored by one of the country's leading insurance companies, until the end of the year. After that he has the option of a two-year contract with the squad, which is led by Greg LeMond, a triple winner of the Tour de France.

Boardman was enthusiastic yesterday about his future. "I have negotiated what I consider to be a very fair contract which gives me 75 days of racing in 1994," he said. "It will also allow me to commute from home in Hoylake to European events. The other bonus, for me, is that Gan have agreed that I can have six weeks to prepare for next year's world pursuit championship in Sicily."

Boardman would not enlarge on the financial side of his two-year contract but said that the terms were sufficiently attractive that he did not have "to push Gan to the limit."

His first race in the professional ranks is the GP Eddy Merckx, a 38-mile time-trial near Brussels on September 12. The next day he will be partnered by Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, in the 40-mile Baden-Baden time-trial in Germany.

Boardman's 1994 racing programme has already been prepared and agreed. His season opens with the eight-day Paris-Nice race. Gan will be looking to Boardman to give the team a winning start in the opening day's prologue time-trial.



Boardman: enthusiastic

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Warwickshire

DARLINGTON *(final day of four): Durham (23pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by nine wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 281 (P A Smith 55; S J E Brown 5 for 78)

Second Innings

*A J Moles c Scott b Cummins	0
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Graveney	22
D P Ostler c Daley b Brown	85
Asif Din c Scott b Brown	25
R G Twose c Parker b Graveney	23
P A Smith lbw b Cummins	49
N M K Smith c Scott b Brown	46
A F Giles c Larkins b Cummins	2
†K J Piper c Scott b Cummins	22
M A V Bell c Bainbridge b Cummins	1
T L Penney not out	9
Extras (b 2, lb 16, w 4, nb 14)	36
Total	327

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-68, 3-142, 4-151, 5-200, 6-276, 7-281, 8-295, 9-309.

BOWLING: Cummins 29.4-6-83-5; Hughes 25-9-46-0; Brown 28-2-102-3; Bainbridge 12-3-29-0; Graveney 26-9-49-2.

DURHAM: First Innings 369 (P W G Parker 159, J A Daley 78; R G Twose 4 for 85).

Second Innings

G Fowler c Ostler b Giles	72
W Larkins not out	113
P W G Parker not out	29
Extras (b 6, lb 11, w 2, nb 10)	29
Total (1 wkt)	243

FALL OF WICKET: 1-202.

BOWLING: Bell 11-3-48-0; P A Smith 11-1-57-0; Twose 10-2-46-0; N M K Smith 11 3-1-48-0; Giles 4-0-27-1

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G I Burgess.

Glamorgan v Hampshire

SWANSEA *(final day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by 98 runs*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 417 (V P Terry 174, M D Marshall 75 not out, A N Aymes 55; R D B Croft 5 for 157)

Second Innings

R A Smith c Hemp b Croft	48
V P Terry c Lefebvre b Croft	32
D I Gower b Croft	56
*M C J Nicholas c Cottey b Croft	1
R M F Cox not out	48
K D James not out	7
Extras (lb 2, w 2)	4
Total (4 wkts dec)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-84, 3-89, 4-186.

BOWLING: Thomas 3-0-24-0; Lefebvre 2-0-5-0; Croft 34-8-74-4; Dale 10-1-32-0; Berwick 23-7-59-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 288 (S P James 80, I V A Richards 67; M D Marshall 5 for 62).

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Flint	19
*H Morris c Cox b Udal	60
A Dale c Gower b Udal	36
P A Cottey st Aymes b Flint	0
D L Hemp c Flint b Udal	63
I V A Richards c Aymes b Marshall	1
R D B Croft b Marshall	2
†C P Metson lbw b Marshall	0
R P Lefebvre lbw b Udal	18
S D Thomas c Gower b Udal	0
S R Barwick not out	0
Extras (lb 12, w 2, nb 14)	28
Total	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-110, 3-111, 4-171, 5-174, 6-180, 7-192, 8-216, 9-218.

BOWLING: Shine 9-2-35-0; Marshall 15-6-31-3, Flint 17-4-74-2; Udal 24 1-6-75-5.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight.

Worcestershire v Kent

WORCESTER *(final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Kent (1) by an innings and 130 runs*

KENT: First Innings 189 (M A Ealham 54 not out; C M Tolley 5 for 55)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Rhodes b Illingworth	25
T R Ward c Illingworth b Tolley	30
N J Llong c Curtis b Illingworth	45
C L Hooper c Haynes b Illingworth	38
N R Taylor lbw b Radford	26
D W Headley c Leatherdale b D'Oliveira	22
M V Fleming b Illingworth	38
†S A Marsh c sub b D'Oliveira	5
M A Ealham b Radford	15
A P Igglesden not out	2
*M R Benson absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-74, 3-140, 4-141, 5-189, 6-189, 7-206, 8-233, 9-249.

BOWLING: Radford 16-2-67-2; Tolley 14-4-32-1; Illingworth 34-16-68-4; Newport 16-3-48-0; Haynes 3-1-8-0; D'Oliveira 9-3-24-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 568 for 7 dec (G R Haynes 158, T S Curtis 127, S J Rhodes 100 not out).

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Gloucestershire v Essex

BRISTOL *(final day of four): Gloucestershire (7pts) drew with Essex (5)*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 320 (M W Alleyne 104, T H C Hancock 52)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Byas b Robinson	26
J P Crawley lbw b Robinson	80
R C Irani c Richardson b Robinson	0
N J Speak c Blakey b Robinson	40
*N H Fairbrother b Carrick	22
M Watkinson b Robinson	27
Wasim Akram b Robinson	39
P A J DeFreitas c White b Hartley	27
†W K Hegg c Blakey b Hartley	7
P J Martin not out	13
G Chapple lbw b Gough	4
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 16)	29
Total	314

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-60, 3-153, 4-164, 5-200, 6-235, 7-284, 8-294, 9-307.

BOWLING: Gough 25.5-4-101-1; Robinson 33-14-62-6; Hartley 10-1-60-2; Carrick 30-11-54-1; Vaughan 4-0-19-0; White 6-1-16-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

TOUR MATCH (final day of three): Oundle School: West Indies Under-19 320-6 dec (S Chanderpaul 153 not out, Ventura 52) and 152-3 (A Percival 70 not out); Development of Excellence XI 157-3 dec (D Blenkiron 64, C Rika 60) and 154-7 (R Yeabsley 71 not out). Match drawn.



Shaun Udal: 5 for 75 for Hampshire

Second Innings 220 (R C Russell 65)

ESSEX: First Innings 216.

Second Innings

D D J Robinson c Dawson b Walsh	57
N V Knight st Russell b Davies	30
J J B Lewis c Dawson b Cooper	58
Salim Malik b Cooper	23
N Shahid c Russell b Walsh	12
†M A Garnham not out	17
*P J Prichard not out	21
Extras (b 7, lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	14
Total (5 wkts)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-140, 3-173, 4-178, 5-203.

BOWLING: Walsh 24-7-51-2; Cooper 20-5-48-2; Babington 18-2-70-0; Davies 23-9-34-1; Alleyne 12-0-27-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD *(final day of four): Yorkshire (21pts) beat Lancashire (4) by 19 runs*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 242 (M P Vaughan 64, A P Grayson 64; Wasim Akram 8 for 68)

Second Innings 258 (D Byas 73, R B Richardson 50; Wasim Akram 4 for 57).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 167 (G D Mendis 55)

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	14	10	0	4	34	61	245
Glamorgan (14)	14	7	4	3	30	45	187
Surrey (13)	14	6	5	3	33	54	183
Northants (3)	13	7	4	2	23	45	180
Worcs (17)	14	6	4	3	26	40	170
Notts (-)	13	5	3	4	24	48	158
Somerset (9)	13	6	6	1	18	43	157
Leics (8)	13	5	5	3	20	46	146
Kent (2)	14	4	4	6	31	44	139
Derbyshire (5)	14	4	6	4	28	46	138
Yorkshire (18)	13	5	3	5	16	42	136
Warwicks (6)	14	4	7	3	21	47	132
Hampshire (15)	13	4	4	5	29	38	131
Essex (1)	13	3	4	6	38	42	128
Lancashire (12)	13	4	6	3	31	33	128
Sussex (7)	13	3	5	4	28	41	115
Durham (16)	14	2	8	4	23	44	99
Glocs (10)	13	2	8	3	17	43	92

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire records include 8 points for tied match (1992 positions in brackets)

Official correction: Northamptonshire's points total has been reduced by one because their 120-over total against Gloucestershire in May was received as 268 for eight and has been changed to 246 for seven.



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6.00 Business Breakfast (78417)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (44110724)
9.05 Clowning Around Sim betrays Anatole's trust (r) (Ceefax) (4450569)
9.35 Why Don't You..? Visit an open farm or make a puppet (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2681540)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1666786) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3581453) **10.25 Get Your Own Back** (r) (s) (9598873) **10.40 The O-Zone** Pop music magazine (s) (6338417)
11.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8043873) **11.05 Carol and Co** Spoof *film noir* with Carol Burnett (s) (6322144)
11.30 Come Dancing 1993. Britain v Holland (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3298) **12.00 Regional news** (5369328)
12.05 Pop Goes Summer. A profile of Sade (2080960)
12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics. Highlights from Sheffield, presented by Nick Owen (s) (8028724) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71091434)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (26618)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (80738960)
1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz (s) (80749076)
2.15 For the Term of His Natural Life Second of a three-part Australian drama (r). (Ceefax) (770892)
3.45 The Flintstones Prehistoric cartoon (r) (5713927)
4.10 Children's BBC: Quick Draw McGraw (r) (5208237) **4.20 Sssports** Cycling from Belgium (s) (2661415) **4.35 Run the Risk.** Game show (r) (3675095) **5.00 Newsround** (2864811) **5.10 Archer's Goon.** First of a six-part drama serial (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3517144)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (403569). **Northern Ireland.** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) Weather (415)
6.30 Regional news magazines (845) **Northern Ireland.** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 The Brittas Empire: The Trial. Chris Barrie, as the insufferable manager of a leisure centre, is accused of murder (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6786)

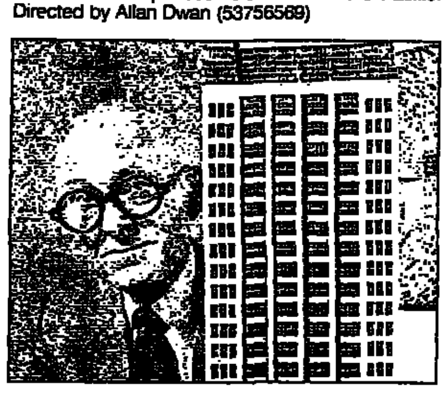


Pat (Pam St Clement) walks free (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Pat is released from prison. With Pam St Clement. (Ceefax) (s) (279)
8.00 The Good Life Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal as the self-sufficient Goods (r). (Ceefax) (5434)
8.30 May to December. The generation-gap comedy ends the present series with Alec and Zoe arguing about Fleur's godparents. Starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4569)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather (2705)
9.30 French and Saunders. In the last in the series, Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders sing a lusty rendition of "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35705)
10.00 Film: The Year of Living Dangerously (1983) starring Mel Gibson. Australian reporter Guy Hamilton arrives in Indonesia as the country spills over into revolution. Sigourney Weaver provides the love interest, but Linda Hunt, as the enigmatic photographer Billy Kwan, won an Oscar. Directed by Peter Weir (Ceefax) (914076)
11.50 Weather (967347). Ends at **11.55**
2.15am-2.45 BBC Select. Executive Business Club (93699). **3.15-3.45 BBC Select.** Legal Network Television (82583)

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Geology: From Snowdon to the Sea (2457540) **7.10** Biology: Plant Growth Regulators (7989724) **7.35** Geology: Fossils (3097057) **8.00 Breakfast News** (4663989)
8.15 Ghostwriter (r) (s) (1210705)
8.40 Under Sail Bembridge Sailing Club (r) (4937453)
9.00 Film: Two Mugs from Brooklyn (1942, b/w). Amusing romp starring William Bendix and Joe Sawyer as New York taxi drivers (5140618)
10.10 Film: The Gay Desperado (1936, b/w) starring Ida Lupino and Nino Martini. Farcical musical about a jovial Mexican bandido who kidnaps a famous tenor. Directed by Rouben Mamoulian (9437386)
11.35 Laurel and Hardy Double Bill: *Our Wife* (9962637) and, at **11.55** *Twice Two* (6899960)
12.15 Portraits from on High. The first programme in a new series on French life looks at women of the mountain regions of Haute Savoie (7342095)
2.30 A Girl Named Devika. Film about a Bombay design student who is caught between Indian and western cultures (r) (8015569)
1.20 Fireman Sam. Animation (r) (92355427)
1.30 The Family Ness. Cartoon (r) (93358076)
1.35 Discovering Birds (r) (19988231)
2.00 News and weather (94238250) followed by **The Real Food of China** (r) (14331434)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine for the deaf (s) (328)
3.00 News and weather (1707618) followed by **Aussies.** Jack Pizzey explores the Australian way of life (r) (6863502). Including at **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (1741618)
4.00 Film: Forbidden Cargo (1954, b/w) starring Nigel Patrick. Mediocre crime drama about an ambitious customs agent's hunt for drug-traffickers. Directed by Harold French (1028366)
5.25 Town Portraits. Middleton in Teesdale, County Durham (r) (8658250)
5.30 Akamas. Developers on the Akamas peninsula of Cyprus threaten the loggerhead turtle (144)
6.00 Film: Sands of Iwo Jima (1949, b/w) starring John Wayne as a tough marine sergeant leading the assault on a Japanese-held island in the Pacific. Directed by Allan Dwan (53756569)



High-rise architect Philip Johnson (7.45pm)

7.45 Master Builders (r) (s) See Choice (904786)
8.30 Far Flung Floyd. (Ceefax) See Choice (5811)
9.00 Quantum Leap. (Ceefax) (s) (800786)
9.45 Storm from the East: Tartar Crusades. The story of how the Mongols prepared to invade the Holy Land. (Ceefax) (s) (454453)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (189057)
11.15 The Art of St Ives. The Cornish resort lies at the centre of British art history (232873)
11.55 Weather (957960)
12.00 The Jewish Enigma: The Jews and Islam. The differences between Jewish, Christian and Islamic societies (10748). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE

Rear Window: Memories of Sekoto
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Tonight's programme is a welcome tribute to the late South African artist Gerard Sekoto, featuring an interview with the painter himself. In the South Africa of the 1930s and 1940s, black people were not expected to be artists, but Sekoto's vivid paintings of township life eventually got him noticed. All the same, his feelings of being "the only black painter" made him leave for Paris in 1947. Here he relished the artistic freedom but was confused by his inability to focus on his new surroundings. At one time admitted to a mental asylum, Sekoto seems always to have lacked confidence, yet his acclaimed works have proved an inspiration for a whole new generation of black artists.

Master Builders
BBC2, 7.45pm

This *Late Show* special, repeated here as the first of three profiles of leading architects, takes a long hard look at the phenomenally successful American, Philip Johnson. Nicknamed "the Godfather", Johnson has placed skyscrapers in a succession of American cities, being responsible for New York's influential Seagram and American Telephone and Telegraph Company buildings among others. Now in his eighties, he is a media darling willing to talk about anything from copying other architects' work to once being a fan of Hitler. His critics are vicious about his manipulation of power over the decades but Johnson denies that he is a menacing character. "I love little kittens," he says.

Summer's Out: It's a Queer World
Channel 4, 11.40pm

Channel 4 may be serving up a hefty dollop of gay programmes at the moment, but what of the rest of the world's television? Tune in for a manic tour of global gaiety courtesy of the glamorous Lily Savage. Some of the shows are predictable. We see rock group the Pansy Division getting frisky on San Francisco's *Lavender Lounge* and a camply harmonious group called the Flirtations on North America's *In the Life*. There are also some surprises, particularly from the Dutch. As well as having a lewd cable version of *Blind Date*, they have *The Theo and Thea Show*, an incredible children's television offering which explains homosexuality by saying things such as: "If your mother has rough legs, she's a lesbian".



Keith Floyd on food's ying and yang (BBC2, 8.30pm)

Far Flung Floyd: Hong Kong
BBC2, 8.30pm

Keith Floyd's outlandish cookery series reaches its conclusion tonight with a jaunty report on cuisine in Hong Kong. Floyd is in his element, gabbling about ingredients' yin and yang (coolness and heat), fighting the dragon-like wok and in one amusing scene defiantly cooking on the quayside despite loud protests from the water taxi company behind him. The food is cooked with a rapidity and abandon which suits Floyd very well. Best of all, for every fry-up of prawns or lobster, there are large sloshes of rice wine, both in the wok and down Floyd's throat. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4600366)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon series (r) (5116569) **9.50 London Today** (2916231)
9.55 Anna — Ballerina. Anna rejects the Paris scholarship (r) (s) (5773347) **10.55 News** headlines (6331892)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Cartoon (6358569) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Charade game show (6328328) **11.55 London Today** (9966279)
12.00 Cartoon (7327786) **12.10 Wizadora** (r) (2012569)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (8669095) **1.05 London Today** (84458927)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (868076)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (867347)
2.15 The Earth Dwellers' Guide. Includes reports on an environmentally-friendly funeral and a report on home aromatherapy kits (859328)
2.45 Families. Last in the series of the Anglo-Australian soap (s) (3139163) **3.40 News** headlines (1758908) **3.45 London Today** (1757279)
3.50 Children's ITV: Fraggle Rock (r) (1738144) **4.00 Rubbish — King of the Jumble.** Cartoon (s) (2676347) **4.15 Hulk Hogan.** Animation (r) (2744960) **4.40 Children's Ward.** Hospital drama series (r) (Teletext) (s) (6792340)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2854724)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (635845)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (25328)
7.00 Emmerdale. Annie (Sheila Mercier) makes an announcement (Teletext) (4182)
7.30 Inside Crime John Taylor and Fiona Oates meet a victim who exposed a burglary racket, and report on fingerprinted credit cards (s) (347)

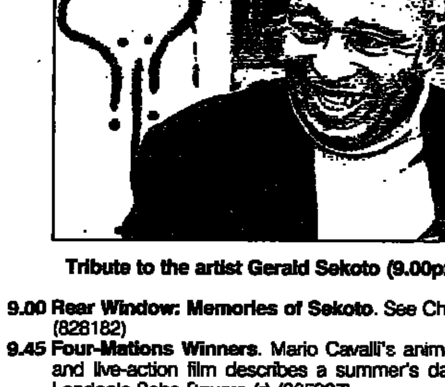


Trudie Goodwin uses her intuition (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Desperate Measures. WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) has to decide whether a 15-year-old boy or his mother is at risk. (Teletext) (3142)
8.30 The Cook Report. Another exposé by the investigative reporter Roger Cook (9637)
9.00 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills of the Gods. Glossy American mini series starring Jaclyn Smith and Robert Wagner. The newly appointed American ambassador in Romania becomes an assassin's target. Continues after the news (r). (Teletext) (8095)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (90144) **10.30 London Tonight** (930873)
10.40 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills of the Gods continued. The concluding part can be seen tomorrow at 9pm (r). (Teletext) (105095)
11.25 Carlton Sport. Matthew Lorenzo introduces highlights of a first division London match and action in the Coca-Cola Cup first round (997298)
12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H (9955670)
1.00 The Little Picture Show. Video reviews (37125)
2.00 Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93. Highlights of the 12th race from Elkhart Lake in Wisconsin (55019)
2.30 Film: Making Contact (1985) starring Joshua Morell. Violent fantasy thriller in which a boy with psychic powers discovers that he can talk with his dead father on his toy telephone. Directed by Roland Emmerich (95361)
4.00 The Beat. Featuring the Curve, Bivouac and Voodoo Queens (r) (s) (30583)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (93632)
5.30 ITN Morning News (38813). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cartoon adventures of the naughty cat (1713250) **6.45 Wowser.** Doggy tales (1936705)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (49569)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy series (30291)
9.30 Star Street. Adventures of the zodiac cartoon characters (r) (2682279) **9.55 Kid 'n' Play.** Cartoon fun (r) (2690298)
10.25 Kelly. Police dog antics (r) (2933908) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin.** Hergé's hero searches for a rocket ship in which to go to the moon (r) (5683124)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian drama (r) (6350927) **11.50 Little Jack Little** Lester Colt stars in a short film from 1934 (7887250)
12.00 High 5 Sporting feats (r) (97057) **12.30 Sesame Street** The Four Tops make a guest appearance on the early-learning programme (69453)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Adventures of a musical duck (r) (30250)
2.00 Film: Born to Dance (1936, b/w) starring Eleanor Powell and James Stewart. Lively Cole Porter/MGM musical about a sailor on leave in New York who meets a girl in a lonely-hearts club. Directed by Roy Del Ruth (608960)
3.55 The Secret Life of . . . The Quartz Watch. Tim Hunkin demonstrates what happens when you put a quartz watch in an oven (r). (Teletext) (9707453)
4.30 Countdown Richard Madeley hosts the words and number quiz. (Teletext) (s) (960)
5.00 Oprah Gold Oprah Winfrey cross-examines Lee, a grandmother who hired a hit man to kill her son-in-law (r). (Teletext) (7994076)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (523163)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Robin Williams stars as the alien from the planet Ork (r) (453)
6.30 Roseanne. Darlene (Sara Gilbert) decides to wear nothing except black and to do nothing except watch television (r) (Teletext) (s) (705)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (422366)
7.50 Comment John Richards thinks that subsidies for the arts should be cut (351106)
8.00 Free for All. Freelance reporter Joan Phillips questions journalists' coverage of the civil war in Bosnia (8144)
8.30 Pacific Station: Love and Death. Robert Guillaume stars in the American comedy series set in a Venice Beach police station. Bob is off the duty roster because of a computer malfunction. (Teletext) (s) (7279)



Tribute to the artist Gerald Sekoto (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: Memories of Sekoto. See Choice (828182)
9.45 Four-Mations Winners. Mario Cavalli's animated and live-action film describes a summer's day in London's Soho Square (r) (865927)
10.00 Summer's Out: Forbidden Love. A portrait of lesbian relationships in Canada during the 1950s and 1960s, through interviews with women and fictional love stories by the novelist Anne Bannon. (Teletext) (541279)
11.40 Summer's Out: It's a Queer World. See Choice (219057)
12.30am James Taylor. The singer-songwriter James Taylor, recorded in concert in Baden-Baden, Germany, in 1986 (r) (s) (39583) Ends at **1.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S (5116569) **1.10pm-1.15** Anglia News (35094627) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2954724) **6.00** Home and Away (895892) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (751095) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (347) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (930873) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (386732) **12.25am** Film: Under the Influence (385106) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7548835) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (3649274) **4.00** On the Live Side (79699) **4.30** Riviera (33540903) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am Ferdinand the Bull and Mickey (5116569) **1.05pm** Central News (84458927) **1.15** A Country Practice (568076) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (667347) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2854724) **6.00** Home and Away (895892) **6.25-7.00** Central News (751095) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (347) **10.30-10.40** Central News (930873) **11.25** Central Sports Special (386732) **12.25am** Film: It's Hard to Be Good (385106) **2.10** The Big E (7556212) **3.05** Sport AM (8574767) **4.05** Jobfinder (2379458) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9557854)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S (5116569) **1.05pm** Granada News (84458927) **1.15** A Country Practice (868076) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (867347) **2.45** Gardener's Diary (3132347) **3.10-3.40** Sons and Daughters (5990637) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (2854724) **6.00** Home and Away (895892) **6.30-7.00** Runway (163) **7.30-8.00** Cowley High (347) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (930873) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (697786) **12.25am** Film: Under The Influence (385106) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7556212) **3.05** The ITV Chart Show (6219458) **4.00** On the Live Side (79699) **4.30** Riviera (33540903) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6676816)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Zorro (5116569) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84458927) **6.00** HTV News (811) **6.30-7.00** Billy (163) **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas (347) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (930873) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (971250) **12.15am** Out of Limits (9827903) **12.25** Film Under the Influence (385106) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7556212) **3.05** The ITV Chart Show (6219458) **4.00** on the Live Side (79699) **4.30** Riviera (33540903) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6676816)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (811) **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 (163)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5116569) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News (84458927) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (520076) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (811) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (163) **7.30-8.00** A Tale of Four Cities (347) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (930873) **11.25** Magnum (360095) **12.20am-1.00** The Twilight Zone (1452748) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (93632)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5116569) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (92844304) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (95094827) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (405279) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (163) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (347) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (930873) **11.25** The 291 Club (386732) **12.25am** Comedy Tonight (8385106) **12.50** The Little Picture Show (5252212) **1.50** Sledge Hammer (6617361) **2.20** 60 Minutes (1987274) **3.15** Countdown (463816) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (2391670)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am The Haunted School (5116569) **1.45** The Young Doctors (867347) **2.15-2.45** The Earth Dweller's Guide (859328) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25328) **7.30-8.00** The Champions (347) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (697786) **12.25am** Film Under the Influence (385106) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (7556212) **3.05** The ITV Chart Show (6219458) **4.00** On the Live Side (79699) **4.30** Riviera (33540903) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6676816)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am C.O.P.S. (5116569) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84458927) **5.55** Calendar (405279) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (163) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (347) **11.25** The 291 Club (386732) **12.25am** Comedy Tonight (8385106) **12.50** The Little Picture Show (5252212) **1.50** Sledge Hammer (6617361) **2.20** 60 Minutes (1987274) **3.15** Countdown (463816) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (2391670)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (49569) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (30291) **9.30** Star Street (2682279) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6829182) **10.20** Kelly (3584540) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4048328) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (6426205) **11.35** Alfred J. Kwak (8865095) **12.05pm** High 5 (8017618) **12.30** Sesame Street (69453) **1.30** The Curry Connection (30250) **2.00** My Friend Flicka (322163) **3.40** Oprah Gold (2444347) **4.30** Happy Days (360) **5.00** Countdown (2960) **5.30** The Real World (540) **6.00** Newyddion (246502) **6.10** Heno (871298) **7.00** Jacpot (2724) **7.30** Resio (989) **8.00** Ond Y Broblem Yw (8144) **8.30** Newyddion (934095) **8.55** Rasus (841124) **9.45** Four-Mations Winners (865927) **10.00** The Golden Palace (98786) **10.30** Just for Laughs (80714) **11.00** Go Fishing (1160) **11.30** Sean's Show (98751) **12.00am** Free for All (6884293) **12.25** The Black Bag (2390800)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (9011255) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1854328) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (95487750) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (60415) **10.00** Card Sharks (6873811) **10.25** Concentration (7795521) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (6319237) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (56144) **12.00** E Street (53637) **12.30pm** Three's Company (84231) **1.00** Falcon Crest (69786) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8262589) **2.55** Another World (2768892) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5917521) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7057) **6.00** Games World (7927) **6.30** E Street (8279) **7.00** Rescue (8786) **7.30** Full House (7163) **8.00** Anything But Love (7434) **8.30** Designing Women (6569) **9.00** Civil Wars (15983) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (18076) **11.00-12.00am** The Streets Of San Francisco (76637)

SKY NEWS
News on the Hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1318057) **9.30** ABC Nightline (88057) **10.00** Daytime (27673) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (37453) **11.30** Business Report (40705) **12.30pm** Business Report (48569) **1.30** CBS This Morning (49298) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (88724) **3.30** ABC Nightline (68811) **4.30** Business Report (4076) **5.00** Live at Five (768960) **7.30** Target (5705) **8.00** News Hour (46569) **9.30** Talkback (307908) **11.30** CBS News (55927) **12.30am** ABC News (24477) **1.00** Newswatch (54903) **1.30** CBS News (27274) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (45941) **3.30** CBS News (94922) **4.30** Target (67651) **5.30** CBS News (46187)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3405095)
10.00 A Promise to Keep (1990): A mother leaves her children to her brother (11693786)
11.50 Chapter Two (1979): James Caan finds love with Marsha Mason (30268144)
2.00pm Crack in the World (1965): A scientist tries to destroy the world (11148)
4.00 The Ambushers (1968): Dean Martin is sent on a mission into space (2989)
6.00 A Promise to Keep (as 10am) (12892)
8.00 Conan the Destroyer (1984). Arnold Schwarzenegger as the sword-wielding hero joins up with Grace Jones (24637)
10.00 Goodfellas (1990) The memoirs of a real-life Mafia 'wise-guy' starring Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci (68400182)
12.25am She Woke Up (1992): Lindsay Wagner pursues her assailant (530729)
2.00 976-Evil II (1991): Death by astral projection (836477)
3.45 American Kickboxer (1991). Rivalry between champions (998477) Ends **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Blue Bird (1976) Fairy-tale fantasy with Elizabeth Taylor (62322)
8.00 Carmen Jones (1954): Bizet's opera, updated by Hammerstein, stars Harry Belafonte and Dorothy Dandridge (15927)
10.00 Hair (1979). Counter-culture musical with John Savage and Beverly D'angelo (94353231) Ends at **12.45am**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Little Boy Lost (1953): Bing Crosby searches post-war Paris for his son (87502)
8.00 On Our Own: Four children try to escape the authorities (42182)
10.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974): The children's classic (73989)
12.00 The Pumpkin Eater (1964): A tale of marital infidelity starring Anne Bancroft, Peter Finch and James Mason (32705)
2.00pm King of the Hill (1990). Baseball drama with William Russ (30298)
4.00 On Our Own (as 8am) (3231)
6.00 Dead on the Money (1991): An actress and a fan, with Amanda Pays and Corbin Bernsen (10434)
8.00 Love Kills (1991): An unhappy wife falls for a man hired to kill her (22279)
10.00 Prayer of the Rollerboys (1990) A boy agrees to infiltrate a gang (192927)
11.40 Harbour Beat (1990) Undercover action to stop corruption in the Sydney police force (107279)
1.15am Nightmare on the 13th Floor (1990): A writer discovers the Satanic secrets of an old hotel (254380)
2.45 The Comfort of Strangers (1990). Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson attempt to rekindle their romance (701477) Ends at **4.25am**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3320724) **7.15** Prime Bodies (695182) **7.45** World Sports Special (694453) **8.15** Soccer News (4883502) **8.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (45665) **9.00** Prime Bodies (23095) **9.30** Jack High (38845) **10.30** Ironbridge Triathlon (55873) **11.30** Ringside Superbouts (91453) **12.30pm** Football Aston Villa v Manchester Utd (69415) **2.30** US PGA Golf (835366) **5.30** Prime Time Baseball (9786) **6.00** Soccer News (978724) **6.15** Netbusters (973279) **6.30** Baseball (83434) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show (37502) **10.00** Soccer News (806434) **10.15** The Boss (938434) **10.45-12.45am** Pool (265255)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (77714) **8.00** Golf Murphy's English Open (84182) **10.00** Athletics IAAF World Championships (65569) **12.00** Eurogoals (35328) **1.00** Cycling (75434) **3.00** Badminton (25892) **4.00** Sailing Admiral's Cup (44927) **5.00** Eurogoals (7453) **6.00** Eurofun (4095) **6.30** News (5347) **7.00** EuroTennis (27273) **9.00** Boxing (88095) **10.00** Snooker (24163) **12.00** News (90922)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (9782683) **7.30** Neighbours (6732368) **8.00** Sons And Daughters (1276076) **8.30** EastEnders (1275347) **9.00** The Bill (1299927) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (1997618) **10.30** Casualty (2170250) **11.30** Rhoda (8854705) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1279163) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5073076) **1.00** EastEnders (4781704) **1.30** The Bill (5072347) **2.00** Don't Wait Up (1523434) **2.30** Bread (3621188) **3.00** Dallas (8858521) **4.00** Dynasty (8844328) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1514786) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (9021124) **6.00** Neighbours (2271647) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (8851618) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (2376291) **8.00** EastEnders (1543298) **8.30** Bread (1522705) **9.00** Casualty (1578298) **10.00** The Bill (1270892) **10.30** Life Without George (1289540) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9863724) **11.45** Dr Who (7350811) **12.15am** Film: Honeymoon (1947, b/w): Shirley Temple falls in love in Mexico (88028941) **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (7398309)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (14291) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (1274273) **7.55** Ratkan II (6324322) **8.30** Hammerman (49057) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (63837) **9.30** Manu Ovide (90279) **10.00** The Finder (40347) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (52521) **11.00** Spell and Hercules (75811) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (76540) **12.00** You Can't Do That On Television (73502) **1.00pm** Michael Valiant (70076) **1.30** Super Mario World (93368) **2.00** Adventure (2540) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1724) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2523095) **3.25** Ratkan II (5152163) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (3569) **4.00** Bobobobs (2076) **4.30** The Guys Next Door (1960) **5.00** Fifteen (3892) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (55401) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (79786)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University. Feminist Debates: Psychoanalysis
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, presented by Piers Burton-Page. Weelkes (The Cries of London); Mozart (Divertimento in F, K253); Brahms (Die Mainacht, Op 43 No 2); Leopold Mozart (Trumpet Concerto in D)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla: Landscapes in Sound, with Raymond Calcraft. Rodrigo (Serenata española, Concierto de estio; Junto al Generalife); Falla (Noches en los jardines de España)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins with Rebecca Hirsch, violin, perform John Maxwell Geddes (Dances at Threave: debut), Glazunov (Violin concerto in A minor), Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)
11.25 Prom Artist of the Week Yuri Bashmet, viola, performs Brahms (Viola Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2. Mikhail Muntyan, piano), Hindemith (Trauermusik)
12.00 Music Restored. Corelli's English followers (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Concert Orchestra under Adrian Leaper with Roderick Elms, piano/harpsichord, performs Remo Lauricella (Overture, Fleet Street), Bax (Morning Song, Maytime in Sussex), Frederick Curzon (Simonetta), Walter Leigh (Harpsichord Concertino); Haydn Wood (Suite London Cameos)
1.55 Michael Roll, piano, plays Mozart (Piano Sonata in A, K331), Brahms (Eight Pieces, Op 76: Rhapsody in G minor, Op 79 No 2); Schumann (Fantasy in C, Op 17)
3.30 John Dowland: Rufus Müller, tenor and Christopher Wilson, lute perform Think'st Thou Then by thy Feigning, Come Away, Come Sweet Love; Would my Conceit, Away With These Self Loving Lads
3.45 Voices of the Americas: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Pittman performs Steven Mackey (Square Holes, Round Pegs), Chou Wen-Chung (Landscapes); Gloria Coates (Music on Open Strings)
4.30 Changing Times: Max Easterman looks at the jazz scene of 1932
5.00 In Tune
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. Oslo Philharmonic under Mariss Jansons with Yuri Bashmet, viola, performs Ragnar Soderlind (Trauermusik), Bartok (Viola Concerto); Stravinsky (Suite: The Firebird, 1919 version) **8.30** Jan Smaczny presents a background to Dvořák's 8th Symphony **8.50** Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)
9.35 Bridget Riley — Five Dialogues on Art (r)
9.55 Reger and Schumann: Daniel Adni, piano, performs Reger (Sonatinas: in F, Op 89 No 3; in A minor, Op 89 No 4), Schumann (Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op 26)
10.45 Single Strong Voices: A panel of novelists discuss the development of their art with Michele Roberts (r)
11.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Górecki (Three Pieces in Olden Style); Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La Reine); Bartok (Divertimento for Strings)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Heroic Failures: a series of classic disasters and might-have-beens **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Blunkett on Borders (FM only). David Blunkett MP travels to Shrewsbury
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only) Kings (3/8)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Blind women tell Karen Deco why fashion matters to them. A discussion on the corroboration rule in rape. Interviews with Moir Crawford and Hugh MacDonald. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Hoax! 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Sun Sessions by Thomas McLaughlin. Peter is a privileged student who yearns to walk on the wild side. With Jacqueline MaGowan, Michael Gregory
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: Interviews with Hakan Hardenberger and Christian Lindberg, two of the foremost brass players of their generation
3.00 News; Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan starts a new series by meeting Ricky, who was smuggled out of Bosnia in a mattress, and Molly and James who are remarrying after 35 years of living on opposite ends of the earth
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: A controversial biography of scientist Albert Einstein, a feature about the importance of the historical novel and a round up of current indoor concerts. Presented by Paul Vaughan
4.45 Short Story: The Simpsons in Russia by Lloyd Jones
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Charity Ends at Home by Colin Watson (4/6)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: Michael O'Donnell introduces a new series on family life. In this episode he confronts every parent's nightmare: the disapperance of a young child.
8.00 Science Now
8.30 Sitting Targets. A Body Without a Head. Tony Robinson presents a history of the quip factor in British political life from the Civil War to the present day (r)
8.45 In Touch: News, views and information for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Tim Bowler **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood
11.00 Stanza on Stage: Andrew McAllister introduces the Nobel Prize-winning poet Derek Walcott reading at the Pump Rooms in Bath
11.30 The Gardening Quiz
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As World Service

CHOICE

Relative Values: The Josephs. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
This is almost too distressing to listen to. Several times, you feel like getting up and turning it off. The story Michael O'Donnell tells in his resumed series about atypical families is that of Geoffrey and Ora Joseph, whose two-and-a-half year old daughter was abducted and murdered on her sister's ninth birthday. It is horrendous enough, in all conscience, to have to hear how she died. But we must also listen to an account of the deep wounds of bereavement and of how slowly they are healing in the Joseph household.

Prom Artist of the Week. *Radio 3, 11.25am.*
The claims made for Yuri Bashmet — that he is the finest viola player of his generation — should ensure good listening figures for these two recordings of works by Brahms and Hindemith, and for tonight's Promenade concert (Radio 3, 7.30pm) in which he plays the viola concerto Bartók left unfinished at his death. Bartók's pupil, Tibor Serly, assembled from the fragments left behind the work we hear tonight. Bashmet can also be heard in Britten's *Lachrymae*, Op 48, on Radio 3, Thursday morning **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow, from Porthcawl **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (r) **9.00** The Atlantic Record Story **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **3.00am** Alex Lester **5.00** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with...Jungr and Parker: the pick of the music and comedy acts from this year's Fringe **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** A Talent to Amuse **10.00** Ironic Maidens **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Coia **12.05-3.00am** Steve Madden

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** The Haunting of Sophie Bartholomew **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Labour of Love **1.10** Student Choice '93 **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Is Anybody There? (1/4) **7.15** Kiss the Dust **7.30** Football Plus **10.10-12.00am** Earshot with John Cavanagh

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **Tips** für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories, "The Women's Work" **5.45** On Screen **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** One Blood — A History of Jamaican Music **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Tales from Wales **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Looney Tunes **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Pop Science **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories "The Women's Work" **3.45** Arabian Sounds **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Poems by Post **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Glière (Concerto for Coloratura soprano) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Saint Saëns (Symphony No 3 in C minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

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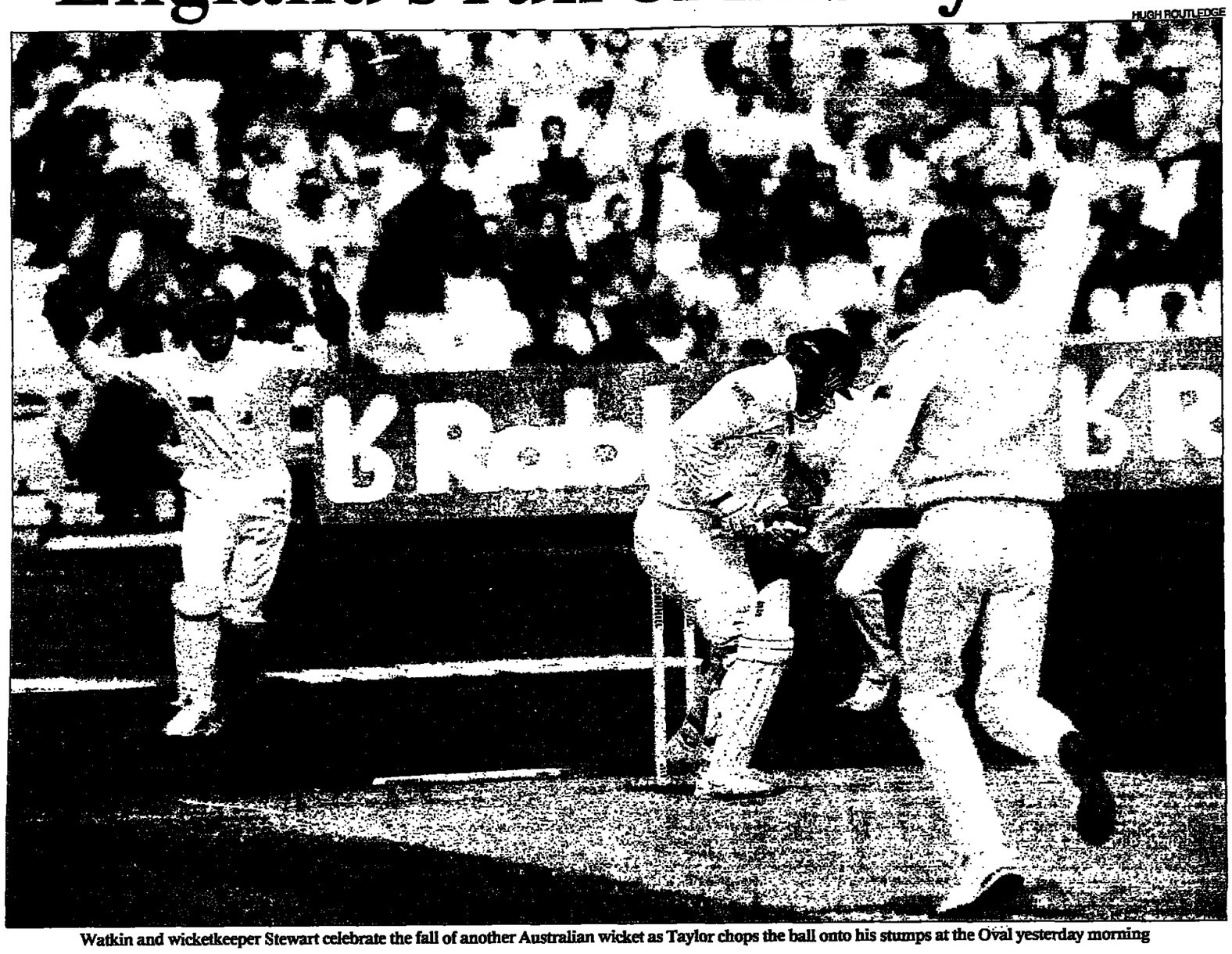
SPORT

TUESDAY AUGUST 24 1993

Recalled bowlers seal first Test victory over Australia since 1986

England's run of misery ends

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Watkin and wicketkeeper Stewart celebrate the fall of another Australian wicket as Taylor chops the ball onto his stumps at the Oval yesterday morning

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL (final day of five): England beat Australia by 161 runs

AMID the sort of scenes that older England players had forgotten and the rest had never experienced, Australia were beaten at last yesterday. Seven balls into the final hour of the sixth Cornhill Test match, Angus Fraser completed a triumphant comeback with the wicket that has implications way beyond the euphoria of the one match.

England had lost nine out of ten Test matches since last August and not beaten Australia in their previous 18 games, the longest run of failure in Ashes Tests. Such harrowing statistics had jaundiced the public and drained the confidence of the players. Quite simply, they had forgotten how to win, and the benefits to be gained from this result are incalculable.

The Ashes series was lost, and Australia were never at their sharpest in this final match, but England played with purpose and authority and deserved to win. They can now go to the Caribbean early next year in a more optimistic mood than had seemed likely. Just as important, they can go with Fraser, who claimed eight wickets and displayed all his old accuracy. It was the most heartening sight of the summer.

This was a day which might have come from the yellowed pages of generations-old newsprint, when this improbable cricket ground, hemmed in by gasholders and rumbling commuter traffic, always seemed to produce full houses celebrating famous England wins. Last night, London's evening paper rushed out a special late edition with the simple headline "We've won it". Was it not always like this?

Traffic around the Oval was at a standstill throughout the morning — though this had more to do with a lights failure than the cricket — but the crowd swelled steadily to a peak of 12,000 as desks were vacated by news of the impending rare win.

When, in the penultimate over of the afternoon session, Australia declined to 143 for eight, England's consolation was at hand. But it was another 80 minutes, and 22 increasingly anxious overs, before Shane Warne, Australia's man of the series, was leg-before to Fraser, the man of the match.

Graham Gooch was alone among this England side in ever having played in a win over Australia and so he was the first to recall the tradition of grabbing a souvenir stump. Soon, the rest were snapped up and there were hugs and handshakes all round.

It was a considerable achievement to bowl out the Australians in a day. As in the first innings, the wickets were shared by the reconstituted seam attack, though this time the sequence was different: it was Watkin who made the essential early breach, Malcolm who dealt with the middle-order and Fraser who prised out the tail.

Australia did not bat with distinction, certainly not in the style to which they have grown accustomed. Three men fell to the pull shot, on a pitch where extra bounce made it an obvious risk. Two more, Slater and Border, fell to wicket-keeping catches when they plainly believed, probably correctly, that no relevant contact had been made. Even the umpiring, which has more often than not worked against England, now went in their favour.

Watkin was the bowler to profit from the first dubious decision, and it inspired him to a spell as significant as the one he bowled in the Headingley victory over West Indies two years ago. He was in only his second over of the morning and Slater had worked the previous ball through mid-wicket with that elastic certainty of his. The next reared from just short of a length and appeared to reach Stewart via Slater's armguard.

The reaction of Slater, on seeing umpire Meyer's raised finger, was incredulous. He was matched by David Boon, who played no stroke to Watkin's next ball and was dispatched leg-before. This one, however, was a sound decision, and when Taylor, thrusting with crooked bat, dragged on to his stumps during the following Watkin over, Australia were 30 for three.

If anyone was going to sort out the mess it was Border, and, in 90 minutes up to lunch, he and Mark Waugh batted with certainty. Ladbrokes made the draw 7-2 on at the interval; three balls later, they were revising the odds as Border, pushing forward to Malcolm, was adjudged caught behind.

Like Slater before him, Border stayed an unconscionable time after the decision, which was either a statement of dissent or, more charitably, a last look round after his final innings in England. Whatever, Malcolm was now operating at full throttle and after defeating Steve Waugh with a snorting lifter, he dismissed his twin in an altogether softer way. With two men stationed for the hook, Mark Waugh obligingly accepted the bait and hit the short ball straight to Ramprakash at backward square-leg.

Healy, so often the breakwater to any rising tide of English hope, failed to survive the next over, getting too close to a jerky pull against Watkin and top-edging it over first slip, from where Maynard sprinted 15 yards to take the catch.

Steve Waugh and Hughes resisted for 21 overs, but Atherton was having one of those days on which every bowling change worked. Summoning Malcolm once more, he saw him fire a yorker into Waugh's pads, first ball. From the other end, Fraser accounted for Hughes with the sucker short ball.

Warne and Reiffel delayed the end in a curiously cavalier stand worth 74 for the ninth wicket. Then Fraser deceived Reiffel into a checked drive and hurled the catch skywards. Warne was out four overs later and as the sun shone on a jubilant crowd, Ted Dexter, looking from the pavilion, might fleetingly have thought he was not leaving a team in such bad shape after all.

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Simon Barnes, page 34

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

ENGLAND: First Innings 380 (G A Hick 80, A J Stewart 78, G A Gooch 56, M A Atherton 50)

Second Innings 313 (G A Gooch 79, M R Ramprakash 64)

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 303 (I A Healy 83 not out, M A Taylor 70; A R C Fraser 5 for 87)

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M J Slater c Stewart b Watkin	12	0	2	31	25
attempting to leave rising ball					
M A Taylor b Watkin	8	0	1	47	29
inside edge on to leg stump					
D C Boon lbw b Watkin	0	0	0	1	1
pushing forward					
M E Waugh c R'kash b Malcolm	49	0	5	119	75
skyed hook to backward square leg					
*A R Border c Stewart b Malcolm	17	0	1	90	73
feathered catch to keeper					
S R Waugh lbw b Malcolm	26	0	3	101	81
playing back and across					
†I A Healy c Maynard b Watkin	5	0	1	7	10
skied hook behind slips					
M G Hughes c Watkin b Fraser	12	0	0	86	68
pull to deep backward square leg					
P R Reiffel c and b Fraser	42	0	5	73	59
pushing straight down pitch					
S K Warne lbw b Fraser	37	0	6	81	63
beaten off pitch					
T B A May not out	4	0	1	16	14
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 2, nb 7)	17				
Total (335 mins, 81.1 overs)	229				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23 (Taylor 5), 2-23 (Taylor 5), 3-30 (M E Waugh 4), 4-92 (M E Waugh 47), 5-95 (S R Waugh 1), 6-106 (S R Waugh 5), 7-142 (Hughes 12), 8-143 (Reiffel 0), 9-217 (Warne 30), 10-229 (May 4).

BOWLING: Malcolm 20-3-84-3 (nb 7,w 2) (8-3-27-0, 6-0-25-2, 6-0-32-1); Watkin 25-9-85-4 (nb 1) (10-4-23-3, 6-3-7-1, 7-2-28-0, 2-0-7-0); Fraser 19.1-5-44-3 (nb 3) (8-2-19-0, 8-2-15-1, 3.1-1-10-2); Such 9-4-17-0 (6-1-17-0, 3-3-0-0); Hick 8-3-11-0 (4-3-2-0, 4-0-9-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fourth day: Close (bad light and rain stopped play) 1-0 (Slater 1, Taylor 0) in 4.2 overs. Fifth day: 50: 71min, 15.3 overs. Lunch: 91-3 (M E Waugh 47, Border 17) in 32 overs. 100: 164min, 36.4 overs. Tea: 148-8 (Reiffel 4, Warne 0) in 61 overs. 150: 262min, 62 overs. 200: 305min, 73.5 overs. Innings closed: 5.16pm.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer

TV replay umpire: A A Jones

England won by 161 runs.

Match referee: C H Lloyd

Man of the match: A R C Fraser (adjudicator, R G D Willis)

Men of the series: England: G A Gooch (adjudicator, R B Simpson). Australia: S K Warne (adjudicator, K W R Fletcher).

Atherton takes leaf out of Border's book

By Michael Henderson

HOWEVER ably he handled his players during his first Test win as England captain, Michael Atherton's *savoir faire* at the subsequent press conference exceeded the normal call of duty.

An encounter with a tabloid journalist who appeared to be under the misapprehension that he was questioning the manager of a lower division football club, represented the greatest chasm of IQ since Isaiah Berlin last greeted his dustmen.

All Atherton has to do now is pick a side to beat West Indies. As a matter of course he was non-committal about the team's composition. "I have an idea of which kind of player should go but I have not thought too specifically about the side. There is plenty of time for that."

One thing is clear. It will be predominantly a side of young cricketers with reputations to make, not regain: in short a side similar to the one which ended a summer of woeful under-achievement with this thumping win. That, said Atherton, was "vital", and acquainted those young men with a winning atmosphere.

"I have taken a lot of heavy defeats at the hands of the Australians so it is nice to get one back," he added. Defeat can sometimes bring knowledge, however painful the learning. Atherton admitted the lessons he has absorbed from Border's captaincy of a successful side would help him to re-model the England team.

Border had no quibbles: "England outplayed us in all respects on a very good pitch. In a way I am glad they played to something of their potential so that people can see how well we played to win four Tests. Maybe we deserve a few accolades."

He was "a bit sad" to be taking his leave of England as the captain of Australia. "I have always maintained that this has been the most enjoyable place to play cricket." When England go to Australia in 15 months time he may be plain Allan Border, of Queensland.

He has not yet concluded his business in Test cricket, with home and away series against South Africa this winter. He awaits the return of Craig McDermott and Bruce Reid and hopes for the emergence of Damien Martyn and Matthew Hayden as fully-fledged Test batsmen.

Border was gracious about England's prospects, with an important caveat. "There is talent here but it is a question of getting the combination right. With Devon Malcolm and Angus Fraser in the side, they really put it to us in this game."

Spirit, Atherton called it. "We showed the fight here which I hope to see in an England side. We need to play more aggressively and I hope we can build a side which can win the Ashes the next time round."

Border also led the tributes to Graham Gooch. "I'd like Graham to be going to the Caribbean," Border said. "If someone could persuade him to go, you will have a sniff over there."

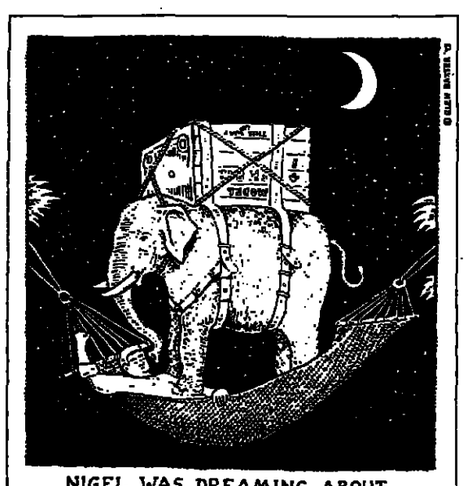
Atherton agreed: "Goochie has been outstanding this summer and a great help. It would be nice if he was in the West Indies, but it wouldn't be right if his heart wasn't fully in it."

So ends a summer adorned by Gooch, Boon, Hughes, and, above all, Warne. For England it is no end at all, nor even the beginning of the end. But, with a new captain in charge, it may be the end of the beginning.

BARTHERTON

England's victory yesterday was their first in 19 Test matches against Australia, since they won by an innings and 14 runs at Melbourne on December 28, 1986.

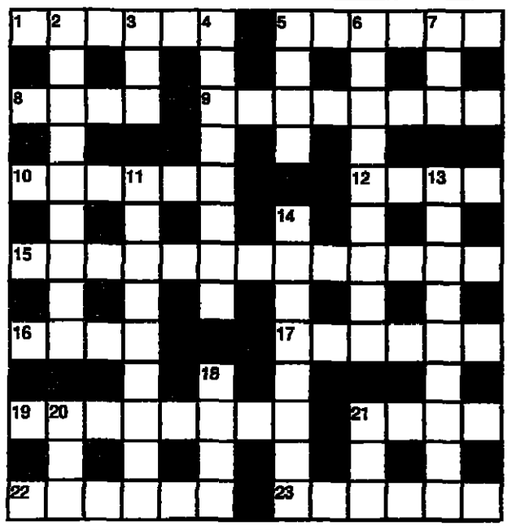
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1988	Sydney	Drawn	
1989	Leeds	Lost	210 runs
1989	Lord's	Lost	6 wkts
1989	Birmingham	Drawn	
1989	Manchester	Lost	9 wkts
1989	Nottingham	Lost	inns 180
1989	The Oval	Drawn	
1990	Brisbane	Lost	10 wkts
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19 Document destroyer (8)
21 Examine by touch (4)
22 Forge (6)
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20 Leg back (3)
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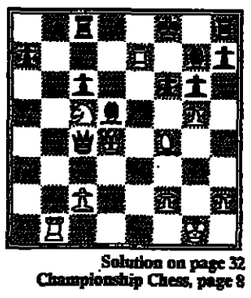
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FRIMAIRE
a. A village mayor
b. A type of sow's cheese
c. A revolutionary month

GRAME
a. A card game
b. A toasting spit
c. Anger

CANDICANT
a. A singing beggar
b. Truthful hypocrisy
c. Tending to white

COFF
a. To cough
b. To buy
c. Coffee mousse

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